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Chief Petty Officer Jaime Kalaw instructs a recruit during a recent boot camp at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

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Film reveals what boot camp is like in modern-day Navy Page 3

Company of female Marines are first to graduate in new dress blues



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A company of Marines became the first to graduate in the service's new female blue dress uniforms Friday at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

Marines from November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, marched in newly approved outfits

Marines with November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, wait in line to have their uniforms examined by base fitters at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., on Nov. 9.

TYLER HLAVAC/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

that include mandarin collars, white belts and gold waist plates, a Marine Corps statement said. The new coats resemble those worn by male Marines but lack pockets and lines on the uniform.

Female Marines had complained that their old coats weren't being recognized as belonging to the Marines because civilians were more familiar with the male versions, Mary Boyt, a member of the

Marine Corps Uniform Board, said in the statement.

"We knew what the male uniform looked like, and we wanted to develop a female uniform that was similar to the males' but met the unique design challenges of the female shape," she said. "We didn't want to just throw a male coat on them and say this is it."

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US surveillance mission moving to RAF Fairford

By William Howard
Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England — The U.S. Air Force is moving operations of some of its most sophisticated spy planes about three hours southwest in England, as part of a larger force consolidation effort in Europe.

The 95th Reconnaissance Squadron and 488th Intelligence Squadron at RAF Mildenhall will be relocated to RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire by 2024, British officials said.

The squadrons work with variants of the RC-135 Rivet Joint aircraft, which flies surveillance in various locales, including Africa, the Middle East and near the NATO alliance's eastern borders with Russia.

More than 500 airmen and their families will eventually make the move to Fairford in the Cotswolds, an area known for its hills and picturesque country villages.

"The agreement to relocate the United States Rivet Joint capability to RAF Fairford cements U.S. presence at the base and will bring substantial benefits to Gloucestershire and local communities," Defense Minister Tobias Ellwood said in a statement.

The RC-135 Rivet Joint mission will continue to provide intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination capabilities for U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa from RAF Fairford. Its sensors collect and analyze electronic emissions from communications, radar and other systems.

The fleet is operated by the 55th Wing based at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and deployed to forward operating locations worldwide. The wing operates three RC-135S Cobra II, two RC-135U Combat Sent and 17 RC-135V/W Rivet Joint aircraft.

American B-52H Stratofortresses and B-1B Lancers also deploy from RAF Fairford during temporary rotations. The base also hosts the Royal International Air Show each year.

The villages nearby Fairford, a three-hour drive southwest from Mildenhall, will now have to prepare for a friendly invasion of American troops and their paychecks.

The presence of over 1,200 personnel and dependents to the area will bring substantial finan-



MICHAEL BATTLES/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

A RC-135V/W Rivet Joint spy plane flies above southwest Asia in August 2017. Some U.S. spy planes in England will be relocated to RAF Fairford as part of a force consolidation.

cial benefits to the local economy and our local community," Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, the Conservative MP for the Cotswolds, said in a statement. "I look forward to welcoming all incoming personnel to the Cotswolds and I hope this represents a continuation of our long-lasting and deep military cooperation with our American allies."

American forces were originally scheduled to leave the U.K.'s Mildenhall, Alconbury and Molesworth bases by 2022, but

will continue operating at those locations until at least 2024, according to the British Defense Ministry.

The moves are part of the European Infrastructure Consolidation process, which includes returning use of 15 sites throughout Europe to host nations. The moves will save about \$500 million annually, according to the Defense Department.

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British police find the body of missing American boy at Lakenheath

By William Howard
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RAF LAKENHEATH, England — British police found the body of the 18-year-old son of an American servicemember at RAF Lakenheath on Saturday.

Matthew Strasbaugh, the dependent of an airman stationed at Mildenhall, was last seen Nov. 13 after he left his home on base to go shopping, Suffolk police said in



Strasbaugh police statement said.

a statement Saturday.

The death is being treated as unexplained but detectives do not suspect any suspicious circumstances, the

Suffolk police and British Defense Ministry officials did not immediately respond to questions on Monday regarding the circumstances of Strasbaugh's death and where he was found on the base, which hosts U.S. servicemembers but is owned by the British.

Police first announced that Strasbaugh was missing Thursday on the Suffolk Constabulary website. Suffolk Lowland Search

and Rescue began searching RAF Lakenheath on Saturday after "initial search efforts were unsuccessful," according to the police statement.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the Strasbaugh family," said Col. Christopher Amrhein, 100th Air Refueling Wing commander. "Thank you to everyone who assisted us in trying to find Matthew."

Col. Will Marshall, 48th Fighter Wing commander, also thanked the police for their efforts.

"On behalf of our entire Liberty Wing community, we offer our sincerest condolences to the Strasbaugh family and our neighbors at RAF Mildenhall," Marshall said.

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MILITARY

‘A more accurate portrayal’

Documentary producer seeks to show rigors of Navy boot camp

By CARLOS M. VAZQUEZ II

Stars and Stripes

People who think the Navy may have gone soft on new recruits can see the tough training that goes on at a modern boot camp via a new documentary.

“Boot Camp: Making a Sailor” is an hourlong look at training for new sailors produced by the Navy’s All Hands magazine.

Filmmakers followed four recruits from their homes to the Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill., to observe their trials and tribulations over three months on the road to graduation.

Austin Matthias Rooney, an Emmy-award winner and lead producer of the documentary, said he wanted to let a new generation of Americans who might be thinking about joining the Navy know what they’d be in for.

“We wanted a more accurate portrayal of Navy boot camp,” he said. “There were a lot of rumors out there, such as recruits keeping their cellphones and no more yelling, which were totally untrue.”

The documentary shows that boot camp isn’t easy and lets recruits know they should come prepared and motivated.

Rooney hopes it shows sailors, veterans and family members that while boot camp has been updated, its traditions are intact and recruits are well-trained and ready for the job.

“The uniform they wear is earned, not given,” he said.

The documentary also takes a deeper look at recruits’ characters.

“I wanted to show their backstories and where they came from so the audience could connect with them,” Rooney said.

The filmmaker didn’t know what to expect heading into the project, but the former sailor said he could compare the recruits’ experience to his own time in uniform.

“I had my own experiences from years ago which I remembered as a pretty intense and a challenging experience,” he said.

The documentary shows the moment recruits get off the bus to be met by yelling commanders. One recruit asks what he’d get himself into.

“Immediately stepping off the bus with the new recruits, it was like going in a time warp to back when I stepped off the bus, the nerves of pulling up and then the all-out chaos,” Rooney said.

The film shows recruits recognizing the challenges they face and working out that they’ll need discipline and teamwork to get through.

Rooney saw some changes in the program since his Navy days, such as more hands-on training and less classroom time, allowing commanders to focus on individuals and have more influence over who is deemed fit to serve.

The documentary shows recruits learning water survival, firefighting, seamanship and marksmanship. The culmination of the course involves trainees putting all their skills together aboard a 210-foot replica of a destroyer.



At the end of the film, viewers watch the new sailors don white uniforms and graduate in front of their families and friends.

Each year, an average of 38,000 to 40,000 recruits pass through Navy boot camp. A typical division starts with 88 recruits, but those numbers can drop if individuals don’t meet standards and are sent back for more training or get expelled.

“For people who want a challenge, who are motivated and excited for it, this documentary will make them even more excited to join,” Rooney said.

“For anyone who watches it and decides they wouldn’t be able to handle it, I think it’s better they make that decision from watching a video than from getting there in person and dropping out from training.”

Sally Isabel Santiago, of Queens, N.Y., leaves for boot camp Dec. 11. She said she had only a vague idea about what was in store before watching the documentary.

“I expect boot camp to take me out of my comfort zone and push my abilities,” she told Stars and Stripes in an email. “It’s going to be a complete change from my usual routine such as watching television, going on social media, sleeping and waking up late.”

After watching the documentary, Santiago said she had a better idea of how to mentally and physically prepare.

“I now have a goal of passing boot camp, and every way I’ve prepped has helped me become a better person already,” she said.

The world is a dangerous place, and most sailors will be in harm’s way in their careers, Rooney said.

“It renews your respect that they signed their name on that dotted line to serve and to voluntarily go through the uncomfortable and challenging experience that is boot camp,” he said.

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From top: Sailors march during a recent boot camp at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.; Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Sperry, recruit division commander at Recruit Training Command, speaks to future sailors during boot camp; and recruits line up as Sperry walks next to them.

MILITARY

9 sets of war dead remains unearthed near DMZ

By KIM GAMEL
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Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea—South Korea has unearthed nine sets of remains of war dead, including a rare, relatively intact skeleton, during a mine-clearance operation inside the heavily fortified border that divides the peninsula, the military said Monday.

The return of remains from the 1950-53 Korean War, including 55 cases containing the remains of American troops who were lost in North Korea, has been a bright spot in otherwise slow diplomatic efforts to persuade the North to give up its nuclear weapons.

The Defense Ministry announced it had recovered five sets of remains, including one that “appears to be complete,” last week during work in the Cheorwon area northeast of Seoul. It released a photo of the skeleton, which still had a shoe on one foot.

“All the five sets have been determined during the on-site investigation to be the remains of war dead,” the ministry said in a press release. They will be sent to the ministry’s agency for the recovery and identification of troops killed in action, known as MAKRI, for DNA analysis and further identification.

The total number of remains found since the operation began Oct. 1 at Arrowhead Hill is now nine. The site saw fierce fighting during the war, which ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

Major fighting at Arrowhead, also known as Hill 281, involved American, French, South Korean and Chinese forces, according to retired Lt. Col. Steve Tharp, a military history expert who is researching the



Courtesy of South Korean Defense Ministry

Among the remains found by South Korea is a skeleton that remains largely intact.

The Defense Ministry announced it had recovered five new sets of remains, including one that “appears to be complete,” last week northeast of Seoul.

battles. The North Koreans were farther east and would not have been involved, he said.

The joint effort to remove land mines and excavate remains from the DMZ, a 2.5-mile-wide, 155-mile-long no man’s land, is

part of an inter-Korean military pact that was reached during a summit between the two countries in September.

Some 7,675 Americans remain unaccounted for since the war, with an estimated 5,300 believed to be on the North Korean side.

More than 133,000 South Koreans are still missing from the conflict, according to the Defense Ministry.

North Korea also returned 55 cases said to contain the remains of American servicemen in July as part of an agreement between leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump during their June 12 summit in Singapore. It was the first such repatriation in more than a decade.

The Americans initially captured Arrowhead in 1951 and suffered major losses in attacks in August 1952, when the 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division was in control, according to Tharp.

A French battalion took over in October 1952 and fought with South Korean soldiers on nearby White Horse Hill as the area came under heavy attack by the Chinese, who also released a dam upstream to flood the river and block the U.N. from sending reinforcements, he said.

“The French hung on, but they did lose some people there,” Tharp said.

The next major battle in the area occurred toward the end of the war when the Chinese attacked South Korean soldiers as part of a surge in fighting to gain ground before the armistice was signed on July 27.

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Military motorcyclists ride in memory of slain airman

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Motorcyclists from the Tokyo military community have honored a fallen airman with a memorial ride through mountains west of the Japanese capital.

The riders gathered Saturday morning at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in memory of Master Sgt. Nicholas Vollweiler, 35, who was pronounced dead at a hospital Nov. 9 after being stabbed with a knife at his home just outside Yokota’s east gate in the city of Tachikawa.

A woman identifying herself as Aria Saito, 27, an office worker from Tokyo’s Koto ward, was arrested and charged in the killing. Vollweiler was an avid sport bike rider, said Paul “Tank” Ticas, 31, president of the Yokota chapter of the Green Knights military motorcycle club.

“Something that brings a lot of folks together is motorcycle riding,” he said. “If any kind of tragedy happens in the military community, the Green Knights are there.”

Vollweiler wasn’t in the Green Knights but was on group rides with its members to places such as Okutama, a mountainous area just west of Yokota.

Air Force Sgt. Travis Bell, 29, of Aurora, Wis., said he was so impressed with Vollweiler’s red, white and blue 1994 Honda

RVF400 that he bought the same machine.

“I copied his bike,” he said. Vollweiler also had a diminutive 125 cc Honda Grom, but his pride and joy was a KTM 1290, Bell said.

“He couldn’t get it legal in Japan, so he would only ride it at the track,” Bell said.

“If any kind of tragedy happens in the military community, the Green Knights are there.”

Paul Ticas
president of the
Yokota chapter of
the Green Knights

a recent military exercise put his plans on hold, Mendes said.

The tribute riders carried an American flag that members of Yokota’s 374th Airlift Wing recently carried to the summit of Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, Ticas said.

The riders took a photograph in the mountains where Vollweiler loved to ride, Ticas said. The flag and other mementos from Yokota will be sent to his family in the United States.



Courtesy of Paul Ticas

Motorcyclists from the U.S. military motorcycle club the Green Knights carry a flag through the mountains west of Tokyo on Saturday in memory of Master Sgt. Nicholas Vollweiler, who was recently stabbed to death near Yokota Air Base, Japan.

The security forces airman had a passion for his job as a military working-dog handler, according to an obituary published in the Pocono Record newspaper in Stroudsburg, Pa.

It said Vollweiler’s funeral was held Sunday in Brodheadsville, Pa., and that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the United States War Dogs Association at 1313 Mount Holly Road, Burlington, N.J. 08016.

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Motorcyclists prepare for the ride.

MILITARY

Trump escalates war of words with McRaven

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President Donald Trump has long put the American military at the center of his presidential brand, tapping retired officers to serve as advisers, touting increases in defense spending, and citing support from troops and veterans as a sign of his success.

But the commander in chief has risked alienating parts of the military community by escalating a fight with one of its most revered members, retired Adm. William McRaven, amid other recent remarks and decisions that have fanned controversy in the ranks and among some who served. In an interview with Chris Wallace on "Fox News Sunday," Trump went after McRaven, the retired Navy SEAL and Special Operations commander who oversaw the killing of Osama bin Laden and the capture of Saddam Hussein during his 37 years in the U.S. military.

Trump derided McRaven as a "Hillary Clinton fan" and an "Obama backer" before suggesting that the four-star admiral, who recently left his post as chancellor of the University of Texas amid a battle with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, should have caught bin Laden faster.

"Wouldn't it have been nice if we got Osama bin Laden a lot sooner than that, wouldn't it have been nice?" the president said. "You know, living — think of this — living in Pakistan, beautifully in Pakistan, in what I guess they considered a nice mansion, I don't know, I've seen nicer. But living in Pakistan right next to the military academy, everybody in Pakistan knew he was there."

The comments escalated a war of words that began last year when McRaven called Trump's description of the news media as the "enemy of the people" the greatest threat to American democracy he had ever seen.

Last summer, McRaven went to bat for John Brennan, defending the former CIA director as a man of integrity in an article in *The Washington Post*, after Trump revoked Brennan's security clearance.

In a rare moment of political candor, McRaven wrote that Trump, instead of putting others above himself and setting an example as president, had "embarrassed us in the eyes of our children, humiliated us on the world stage and, worst of all, divided us as a nation."

In a statement initially released to CNN and confirmed by *The Washington Post*, McRaven said he didn't back Clinton or anyone else in the 2016 presidential election and was a fan of Barack Obama and George W. Bush, both of whom he worked for while in uniform.

"I admire all presidents, regardless of their political party, who uphold the dignity of the office and who use that office to bring the nation together in challenging times," McRaven said.

Former CIA deputy director Michael Morrell pointed out on Twitter that McRaven's forces had nothing to do with locating bin Laden. Morrell said it was the CIA that did the "finding" and McRaven's forces that did the "getting," moving out within days of receiving the order.

The president's remarks about McRaven came amid broader questions about Trump's relationship with military matters.

During a recent trip to France, the president didn't attend a ceremony commemorating the centenary of World War I because of the rain, with the White House saying his helicopter couldn't fly in the inclement weather and a motorcade would have caused too much traffic. Chief of Staff John Kelly and Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, attended the ceremony.

Trump didn't visit Arlington National Cemetery to mark Veterans Day this year because he was traveling home from France, and didn't go to the ceremony or hold any public events to honor U.S. veterans on the Monday holiday.

Trump admitted he should have gone to Arlington National Cemetery to mark Veterans Day.

"I should have done that," Trump told Wallace. "I was extremely busy on calls for the country. We did a lot of calling, as you know."

Trump recently has signaled discontent with the top retired generals serving in his administration, raising questions about whether he is souring on the military brass in his orbit. Earlier this year, he derided Defense Secretary Jim Mattis as "sort of a Democrat." In Sunday's interview, he said there are things Kelly does that he doesn't like and at some point he will move on from the chief of staff position.

The comments followed the president's decision to thrust the American military into the center of a political maelstrom ahead of the midterm elections by sending thousands of troops to the border with Mexico in what critics labeled a political stunt to fire up anti-immigrant sentiment among his base.

Trump said the move was a necessary measure to help U.S. Customs and Border Protection prepare for the "invasion" of thousands of migrants who he said, without evidence, included "unknown Middle Easterners" and "bad people."

Ahead of the election, Trump said he was sending as many as 10,000 to 15,000 troops to the border, but the military said last week that the number of active-duty troops deployed in fact had peaked at about 5,900. An additional 2,000 members of the National Guard have been there since April.

Monetary support for the military has long been at the heart of Trump's political messaging.

In August, Trump signed a \$716 billion defense bill, including a \$639 billion baseline budget that was the nation's largest in adjusted terms since World War II, a 2.6 percent pay raise for troops and critical investments in equipment maintenance. The overall defense budget, which includes active operations, was higher in the Bush and Obama years during the surge in Iraq.

In recent weeks, however, the Trump administration has signaled that budgetary largesse for the military that characterized the president's first two years in office is unlikely to continue.

After the federal deficit jumped by 17 percent in part in response to last year's Republican-led tax cut, Trump ordered government agencies to slash their budgets for the coming year by about 5 percent, which would amount to a roughly \$33 billion reduction for the military.



TYLER HLAWE/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Sgt. Crista Abregomedina, a warehouse clerk with Headquarters and Service Battalion, examines the uniforms of Marines from November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion on Nov. 9 at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

Marines: New uniform throwback to WWII

FROM FRONT PAGE

The new outfits are "form fitting," November Company drill instructor Sgt. Jazmin Penado said in the statement. "Now that we're wearing the same uniform as male Marines, I feel like we are all equal. I know that's what the Marine Corps is striving for, to make everything the same. I

personally love the uniform."

Another November Company drill instructor, unit historian Staff Sgt. Kara Sykes, said the new uniform is a throwback to older World War II-era outfits.

"If you look back at history, when females first came into the Marine Corps, we had the high coats with the high neck collars

and then we changed over the years to a different coat," she said in the statement. "The coat we have now is similar to when we first started."

The new coat will be phased in over the next several years and become mandatory in October 2022.

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Army seeks housing in Germany for troop increases in the future

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Army is talking with German authorities about adding housing as it prepares for future troop increases and housing renovations at its base in Baumholder, officials said Monday.

The Army has been looking at six buildings at Strasburg Kaserne in Idar-Oberstein, which was closed a decade ago, according to the *Rhein-Zeitung* newspaper.

"The meeting and discussion is strictly long-term scoping, more than five years out, as the Army considers a number of vi-

able options should there be a need for off-base housing while renovations occur on Baumholder," said Tom Clements, spokesman for U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz.

In September, the Army announced a plan to activate new rocket units at other locations in Germany, which means a support unit will be transferred to Baumholder in the coming year.

U.S. special operations troops in Stuttgart also are expected to relocate to Baumholder in the next few years, though no date has been set for that move.

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MILITARY

Agent Orange exposure linked to hypertension

By NIKKI WENTLING
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Researchers with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine found for the first time that enough evidence exists to link hypertension to Agent Orange exposure during the Vietnam War. The finding, announced Thursday, bolsters the case for veterans with hypertension to be granted easier access to Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, advocates argued. Before last week's announcement, researchers had determined there was only "bordered" or "suggestive" evidence hypertension could be caused by the chemical herbicides used in Vietnam.

In addition to hypertension, researchers determined there's sufficient evidence linking Agent

Orange to monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance, or MGUS, a condition in which an abnormal protein is in your blood that progresses to other disorders, including some forms of blood cancer. A link between the condition and Vietnam War service hadn't previously been considered.

Based on the new report, Vietnam Veterans of America and the Veterans of Foreign Wars called on VA Secretary Robert Wilkie to add hypertension and MGUS to the list of diseases presumed to be caused by Agent Orange. There are 14 diseases on the list, and veterans suffering from them are allowed quicker access to VA benefits.

"There is no doubt in anyone's mind that Agent Orange made veterans sick, it made their children

suffering and premature death to many," VFW National Commander B.J. Lawrence said in a statement. "We now call on VA Secretary Robert Wilkie to use his authority and recognize the science in the report to swiftly add these two illnesses to the presumptive list so that these veterans can finally receive the assistance they earned and deserve."

Congress requires the National Academies of Sciences to review scientific literature about Agent Orange exposure every two years. The first report was published in 1994.

There have been previous attempts to get hypertension onto the list of presumptive diseases.

Following the 2016 report, when researchers recognized there was "suggestive" evidence linking hypertension to Agent Orange, the

VA sent a recommendation to the White House that it be added. At the same time, the agency recommended adding three other diseases: bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinson's-like tremors.

The recommendation is still sitting in the Office of Management and Budget. Members of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs were told in June that the OMB was waiting on the results of two studies before making a decision. One of the studies isn't expected to be complete until 2020.

With the new report bolstering their case, Rick Weidman, policy director for Vietnam Veterans of America, is pushing for Wilkie and President Donald Trump to add hypertension and MGUS. But he has his doubts.

Earlier this fall, Wilkie came

out opposed to legislation that would extend Agent Orange benefits to tens of thousands of "Blue Water" Navy veterans who served on ships off the coast during the Vietnam War. At the time, Wilkie cited high costs and a lack of scientific evidence as his reasoning.

"With the actions of the new secretary in regard to Blue Water Navy, I'm not hopeful," Weidman said. "It all has to do with the president. It depends on whether he loves us enough to spend money on us."

If the executive branch won't move on the issue, Congress needs to step in, he said.

"It really depends on Congress and how much pressure they're willing to put on the VA to act," Weidman said.

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Border troops expected to be home by Christmas

By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The roughly 5,800 active-duty troops sent to locations along the U.S.-Mexico border ahead of the Nov. 6 midterm elections will spend Thanksgiving in Texas, Arizona and California, but they are expected to return home in time for Christmas, Pentagon officials said Monday.

The troops supporting the operation assisting U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents once known as Faithful Patriot are expected to return to their home states by Dec. 15, said Army Col. Rob Manning, a Defense Department spokesman. He indicated the Pentagon did not expect to deploy more troops to the border region "unless directed otherwise."

In fact, Manning announced some servicemembers could return home before Dec. 15 as they complete their work stringing coiled razor wire and emplacing other temporary barriers at locations on and near the southern border. "The bottom line is that our numbers will be commensurate with the capabilities that ... CBP is requesting," he said.

But the troops are expected to remain in place at least through this week.

The Pentagon is sending an untold number of traditional Thanksgiving meals to troops supporting the border operation,

Manning told reporters at the Pentagon.

Some of their tasks have been completed already. As of Friday, the 2,800 active-duty troops supporting CBP operations in Texas had finished their mission of "hardening" immigration entry points in the Brownsville area at the state's most southern tip.

However, Manning could not say Monday whether those troops would remain in Texas or be shifted to other locations along the U.S.-Mexico border.

In addition to the 2,800 troops in Texas, there were 1,500 active-duty troops operating in both California and Arizona. To date, the troops had installed about 8,900 feet of razor-wire obstacles in Arizona and another 13,600 feet of razor wire in California, Manning said. The colonel shared the statistics as some Central American migrants in the so-called caravan have arrived in Tijuana in recent days on Mexico's border with California.

The approaching group of asylum-seekers was a regular pre-election target of President Donald Trump, who described it as an invasion. The troops that Trump sent to the border ahead of the caravan's arrival have had no interactions with the migrants and are not expected to in the future, officials have said repeatedly.

With the mission apparently in its final weeks, the Pentagon has



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A U.S. border patrol agent is seen through a barrier, wrapped in concertina wire, separating Mexico and the United States where the border meets the Pacific Ocean, as seen from Tijuana, Mexico.

not released an estimated cost of the deployment. Manning said Monday that the Defense Department, which will cover the expense for the mission, will not provide an estimated cost until it has completed its accounting.

Each of the nearly 60 military units and teams deployed to the border is tracking its own expenses, Manning said. He said the Pentagon would factor all of those units' costs into its final assessment.

"We are committed to providing you a real cost and not a forecasted cost," he said. "We don't have a final cost that we feel confident sharing publicly."

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A couple embraces Saturday on the shore of Playa Tijuana, with barriers in the background.

Attorney says woman in alleged homeless scam duped by boyfriend

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — A woman charged with scamming GoFundMe donors out of more than \$400,000 with a fake story about a homeless veteran was duped by her former boyfriend and genuinely thought she was helping the

man, her attorney said Monday. James Gerrow told ABC's "Good Morning America" that Mark D'Amico was "calling the shots" in the alleged scheme that resulted in criminal charges last week against Katelyn McClure, D'Amico and homeless Marine Johnny Bobbitt.

The criminal complaint alleges the three concocted a feel-good story about the couple reaching out to help Bobbitt after Bobbitt gave McClure his last \$20 when her car ran out of gas in Philadelphia last year. Then they allegedly spent all the money on luxury items and casino trips.

"People have to understand that this was an abusive relationship. Mr. D'Amico was the one behind this and he was the one calling all the shots," Gerrow said. "She didn't understand or appreciate that this may very well be a crime."

It was unclear which attorney

currently represents D'Amico.

An attorney who was representing the couple last week declined to comment Monday on Gerrow's allegations.

McClure and D'Amico are charged with conspiracy and theft by deception. Bobbitt also is charged.

WAR ON TERRORISM

Pakistani PM fires back after Trump's bin Laden criticism

By ZARAR KHAN
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's prime minister fired back Monday after President Donald Trump accused the country of harboring Osama bin Laden despite getting billions of dollars in American aid.

Imran Khan tweeted that Pakistan had suffered 75,000 casualties and lost \$123 billion in the "US War on Terror," despite the fact that no Pakistanis were involved in the Sept. 11 attacks. He said the U.S. has provided only a "miniscule" \$20 billion in aid.

U.S. commandos killed bin Laden in a May 2011 raid in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where he had been living in seclusion in a house near a well-known military academy.

Pakistan denies it knew bin Laden's whereabouts prior to the raid, which was carried out without its knowledge. It later arrested Dr. Shakil Afridi, who had run a fake vaccination campaign in Abbottabad to help the CIA confirm bin Laden's whereabouts.

In an interview with "Fox News Sunday," Trump said "everybody in Pakistan" knew bin Laden was

there and no one said anything despite the U.S. providing \$1.3 billion a year in aid. Trump said he had cut off the aid "because they don't do anything for us; they don't do a damn thing for us."

The U.S. and Afghanistan have long accused Pakistan of turning a blind eye to Islamic extremists and of harboring leaders of the Afghan Taliban. Pakistan denies those allegations, pointing to the heavy toll of its war against the Pakistani Taliban, a separate militant group that carries out attacks inside Pakistan.

Khan said Pakistan's tribal areas along the border have been devastated by years of war, with millions uprooted from their homes.

He also pointed to the logistical support Pakistan has provided for the U.S. war in Afghanistan. The main overland supply route for American forces fighting in Afghanistan runs through Pakistan.

Khan said the U.S. has made Pakistan a "scapegoat" for its failures in Afghanistan, where the Taliban are stronger than at any point since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion.

Syrian government forces take southern region from militants

Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syrian government forces captured a southern region from Islamic State on Monday after weeks of fighting that left scores dead on both sides, a government-linked media outlet reported.

Syrian Central Military Media said the army retook the rugged Tulul al-Safa region, the last pocket of territory held by the extremists in the country's south. It said troops are now clearing away explosives and booby traps left behind by the militants.

President Bashar Assad's forces have been steadily advancing on all fronts in recent years with help from Russia and Iran. ISIS has lost virtually all the territory it once controlled in Syria and neighboring Iraq but still carries out attacks in both countries.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a war monitoring group, reported that government forces captured the area Saturday.

It said scores of fighters were

allowed to move into the nearby Homs province in recent days, while those who refused to leave were crushed by government forces.

The Suwayda 24, an activist collective, said ISIS fighters withdrew through the desert to hideouts in Homs province and other areas south of the capital, Damascus.

Most of the fighters had earlier moved to the Tulul al-Safa region as part of an evacuation deal with the government when it retook the Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmouk and other southern Damascus neighborhoods in May.

ISIS launched one of its deadliest attacks in Syria in July, when scores of extremists attacked the city of Sweida and nearby villages, killing at least 216 people.

They also kidnapped some 30 women and children. Most were later released in prisoner exchanges or freed by advancing troops. Five either died or were killed in custody.



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A man searches for survivors under the rubble of houses hit by Saudi-led coalition airstrikes in the Old City of Sanaa, Yemen, in June 2015.

Yemeni Shiite rebels may stop firing rockets at Saudi Arabia

By AHMED AL-HAJ
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Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — A senior leader of Yemen's Shiite rebels said Monday that the group will halt rocket fire into Saudi Arabia for the sake of peace efforts, answering a key Saudi demand in the first public sign of hope for the latest push to stop the bloodshed and civilian suffering in the Arab world's poorest country.

The announcement, however, looked less than airtight, as the rebel defense ministry also said it had fired a ballistic missile into Saudi Arabia overnight in response to an attempted border incursion in Hajjah province, adding in its statement that while it supported halting missile launches, it also reserved the right to respond to attacks.

For the past three years, a U.S.-backed, Saudi-led coalition has been waging war against the rebels, known as Houthis, to restore Yemen's internationally recognized government to power. The rebels say they had been excluded from that government and took power to rectify historic grievances against central authority.

The rebel leader, Mohammed Ali al-Houthi, said in a statement to journalists that the Iran-backed rebels ordered the cessation of rocket and drone attacks on the Saudis and forces loyal to coalition member the United Arab Emirates at the request of U.N. special envoy Martin Griffiths.

"We are ready to freeze and stop military operations on all fronts in order to achieve peace," al-Houthi said, mentioning the rockets specifically as part of a longer statement in which he blamed the United States for being the main driver for what he

called "the aggression" against Yemen. The overnight missile strike, according to Houthi media channel al-Masirah, was also in response to a Saudi airstrike in the area.

Yemen's civil war began in the wake of its Arab Spring uprising, when the Houthis swept down from their northern stronghold and took the capital, Sanaa, in 2014, with the help of troops loyal to Yemen's former strongman, Ali Abdullah Saleh.

'We are ready to freeze and stop military operations on all fronts in order to achieve peace.'

Mohammed Ali al-Houthi
senior leader of Yemen's Shiite rebels

Riyadh formed a coalition of Sunni Arab states, including the UAE, Kuwait, Egypt and Sudan, and launched ground assaults on several fronts but failed to take the capital. After some major setbacks, it began outsourcing the ground fighting to local troops, including a group trained by the UAE in the south.

The latest Saudi-led offensive, which began in the summer, has been focused on capturing the key rebel-held port city of Hodeida, through which almost all of Yemen's food and desperately needed humanitarian aid flows.

Griffiths, the U.N. envoy, announced on Friday that both sides had agreed to attend talks in Sweden "soon" aimed at ending the conflict.

His announcement followed an informal de-escalation last week around Hodeida, although fighting has continued on the ground in other areas. The internationally backed government led by President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi said in a separate statement Monday that it would attend, but also insisted the Houthis do so as well "unconditionally."

Saudi Arabia's King Salman, in his annual policy speech, said his country supports a political solution to end the war. But he envisions something in line with a U.N. resolution that calls on the rebels to withdraw from all major cities they have taken, a demand they have yet to cede and have so far been able to resist militarily on the ground.

It was not immediately known to what extent the Houthi move on stopping missile fire into the kingdom would halt the overall violence. While the guns have gone silent inside central Hodeida, fighting continues in its outskirts and elsewhere, including the provinces of Marib, Dhale, Bayda and the Houthis' northern strongholds of Hajjah and Saada.

Truces rarely hold entirely in Yemen's disorderly civil war, where fighting is on several fronts, and peace talks attempts abroad have repeatedly broken down.

An estimated 10,000 people have been killed in the war so far, and two-thirds of Yemen's 27 million-strong population relies on aid. More than 8 million are at risk of starvation in what has become the world's worst humanitarian disaster.

NATION



EVAN VUCCI/AP

White House Chief of Staff John Kelly watches as President Donald Trump speaks during a signing ceremony in the Oval Office of the White House on Friday.

Will Kelly stay? Trump praises and criticizes

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump isn't committing to a previous pledge to keep chief of staff John Kelly for the remainder of his term, part of widespread speculation about staffing changes that could soon sweep through his administration.

Trump, in a wide-ranging interview that aired on "Fox News Sunday," praised Kelly's work ethic and much of what he brings to the position but added, "There are certain things that I don't like that he does."

"There are a couple of things where it's just not his strength. It's not his fault. It's not his strength," said Trump, who added that Kelly himself might want to depart.

Asked whether he would keep Kelly in his post through 2020, the president offered only that "it could happen." Trump had earlier pledged publicly that Kelly would remain through his first term in office, though many in the West Wing were skeptical.

Trump said he was happy with his Cabinet but was thinking about changing "three or four or five positions." One of them is Homeland Security chief Kirstjen Nielsen, whose departure is now considered inevitable. Trump said in an interview that he could keep her on, but he made clear that he wished she would be tougher in implementing his hard-line immigration policies and enforcing border security.

The list of potential replacements for Nielsen includes a career lawman, two military officers and a former acting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement head. But her eventual replacement will find there's no getting around the immigration laws and court challenges that have thwarted the president's agenda at every turn — even if there's better personal

chemistry.

Trump also discussed the removal of Mira Ricardel, a deputy national security adviser who is being moved to another position in the administration after clashes with the East Wing culminated in an extraordinary statement from first lady Melania Trump that called for her removal. The president said Ricardel was "not too diplomatic, but she's talented" and downplayed the idea that his wife was calling the shots in the White House.

He also dismissed a series of reports that he had been fuming in the week after the Democrats captured the House, claiming instead that the mood of the West Wing was "very light."

The president also addressed a series of other topics:

■ He downplayed a federal judge's decision to restore CNN reporter Jim Acosta's White House press pass but derided an alleged lack of "decorum" among reporters who cover the administration. Trump also reiterated that the White House was going to write up rules of conduct for reporters at news conferences, adding, "If he misbehaves, we'll throw him out or we'll stop the news conference."

■ He also defended his incendiary attacks on the press, which include labeling reporters the "enemy of the people," a phrase more closely associated with authoritarian regimes. Trump suggested that his interviewer, Chris Wallace, was no "angel," and bristled when the host from Fox News, which generally gives him favorable coverage, said that the media was in "solidarity." Trump declared, "I am calling fake news, fake reporting, is what's tearing this country apart because people know, people like things that are happening and they're not hearing about it."

Trump says he wouldn't intervene with Whitaker on Mueller probe

By FELICIA SONMEZ
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said he would not overrule his acting attorney general, Matthew Whitaker, if he decides to curtail the special counsel probe being led by Robert Mueller III into Russian interference in the 2016 election campaign.

"Look, it's going to be up to him ... I would not get involved," Trump said in an interview on "Fox News Sunday."

In the weeks since Trump forced Jeff Sessions to resign as attorney general and chose Whitaker to serve as his interim replacement, Whitaker has faced calls from Democrats to recuse himself from oversight of the probe given his previous criticism of the investigation. Trump said in Sunday's interview that he "did not know [Whitaker] took views on the Mueller investigation as such" before he appointed him to his position.

Trump also essentially shut the door to sitting down with Mueller, telling host Chris Wallace that his written answers mean "probably this is the end" of his involvement in the probe into Russian interference in the 2016 campaign.

"I think we've wasted enough time on this witch hunt and the answer is probably: We're finished," Trump said. He said that he had given "very complete answers to a lot of questions" and "that should solve the problem."

Trump said Friday that he had

answered a set of written questions from Mueller "very easily."

Trump's answers had long been sought by Mueller during the course of his 18-month-old investigation. The probe has led to charges against 32 people, including 26 Russians. While four aides to Trump have pleaded guilty to various charges, Mueller's team has not given any public indications as to whether it has concluded that Trump associates conspired with the Russians or whether the president obstructed justice by pressuring Justice Department leaders.

Key lawmakers also weighed in on Whitaker on Sunday.

In an appearance on ABC News' "This Week," incoming Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., contended that Whitaker "was chosen for the purpose of interfering with the Mueller investigation" and said he "should have absolutely nothing to do" with the probe.

Schiff also said Whitaker should be subject to Senate confirmation. "He added for the part by going on TV and saying he could hobble the investigation," Schiff said, calling Whitaker's appointment unconstitutional and "an attack on the rule of law."

Trump fired back in a tweet Sunday afternoon in which he argued that Mueller had not been confirmed by the Senate, either. However, Mueller, unlike the attorney general, is not a Cabinet-level official; he was appointed by Deputy Attorney General Rod

Rosenstein, and his role does not require Senate confirmation.

Mueller, however, was twice confirmed by the Senate to serve as FBI director — in 2001 and 2011.

"So funny to see little Adam Schiff (D-CA) talking about the fact that Acting Attorney General Matt Whitaker was not approved by the Senate, but not mentioning the fact that Bob Mueller (who is highly conflicted) was not approved by the Senate!" Trump said, misspelling Schiff's last name.

Some Republicans on Sunday were looking past Whitaker and focusing on his potential successor. Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said that Whitaker "seems to be a person who has the ability to do that acting job" but that the Justice Department needs a permanent leader as soon as possible.

Blunt, a member of the Senate GOP leadership who also sits on the Intelligence Committee, said that he has confidence in the Mueller investigation and that it would be a "huge mistake" for Trump to seek to end it.

Trump also weighed in on the performance of several top members of his administration and maintained that his party had succeeded in the midterm elections despite losing the House.

Trump said there are people in "three or four or five positions" in his administration whom he is thinking about replacing and that of those, "maybe it's going to end up being two."



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NATION

California search gains urgency as rain looms

By SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

PARADISE, Calif. — The search for remains of victims of the devastating Northern California wildfire has taken on new urgency as rain in the forecast could complicate those efforts while also bringing relief to firefighters on the front lines.

Up to 400 people fanned out Sunday to search the ash and rubble where homes once stood before flames roared through the Sierra foothills town of Paradise and surrounding communities, killing at least 77 people in the deadliest U.S. wildfire in a century.

Wearing white coveralls, hard hats and masks, teams of volunteers and search and rescue crews poked through the smoky debris for fragments of bone before rains can wash them away or turn loose, dry ash into a thick paste. The so-called Camp Fire has destroyed more than 10,500 homes.

A team of 10 volunteers, accompanied by a cadaver dog, went from house to house in the charred landscape. They scrutinized the rubble in five-minute sweeps, using sticks to move aside debris and focused on vehicles, bathtubs and what was left of mattresses.

When no remains were found, they spray-painted a large, orange



SUDHIN THANAWALA/AP

Volunteer members of an El Dorado County search and rescue team survey the ruins of a home, looking for human remains, in Paradise, Calif., on Sunday following a Northern California wildfire.

"0" near the house and moved on.

Robert Panak, a volunteer on a team from Napa County, said he tried to picture the house before it burned and think where people might have hidden. His morning search was fruitless, but he wasn't deterred.

"I just think about the positives, bringing relief to the families, closure," Panak said.

Sheriff Kory Honea said it was within the "realm of possibility" that officials would never know the exact death toll from the blaze.

He also questioned whether the search for remains could be completed by midweek, when rain is forecast.

"As much as I wish that we could get through all of this before the rains come, I don't know if that's possible," Honea said.

About 1,000 names remain on a list of people unaccounted for more than a week after the fire began in Butte County, about 140 miles north of San Francisco, authorities said.

Authorities don't believe all

those on the list are missing, and the roster dropped by 300 on Sunday as more people were located or got in touch to say they were OK.

On Sunday afternoon, more than 50 people gathered at a memorial for the victims at First Christian Church in Chico, where a banner on the altar read, "We will rise from the ashes."

People hugged and shed tears as Pastor Jesse Kearns recited a prayer for firefighters, rescuers and search teams: "We ask for

continued strength as they are growing weary right now."

Paul Stavish, who retired three months ago from a Silicon Valley computer job and moved to Paradise, placed a battery-powered votive candle on the altar as a woman played piano and sang "Amazing Grace." Stavish, his wife and three dogs managed to escape the fire, but the house is gone. He said he was thinking of the dead and also mourning the warm, tight-knit community.

"This is not just a few houses getting burned," he said. "The whole town is gone."

Hundreds of search and recovery personnel are involved in the effort, going to homes where they received tips that someone might have died. But they are also doing a more comprehensive, "door-to-door" and "car-to-car" search of areas, said Joe Moses, a Monterey County Sheriff's Office commander who is helping oversee the search and rescue effort.

The death count grew by one Sunday, and firefighters expanded containment to 65 percent of the 234-square-mile burn zone.

The National Weather Service said the area could get 20 mph sustained winds and 40 mph gusts midweek, which could make it hard to keep making progress against the blaze.



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Salmonella scare no reason to skip Thanksgiving meal

By CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — There's no reason to skip Thanksgiving dinner because of a salmonella outbreak linked to raw turkey.

That's according to health officials who've been monitoring the year-old outbreak. But they say it's a reminder to properly prepare your holiday bird. Cooking kills salmonella.

The ongoing outbreak and recall last week of ground turkey may nevertheless leave you with a few questions when reaching for a plate of turkey.

Can my turkey have salmonella? Salmonella is considered widespread in poultry, and it's perfectly legal for supermarkets to sell raw turkey that has the bacteria. Part of the rationale for allowing salmonella is that people don't eat chicken medium-rare, said Timothy Lytton, a Georgia State University law professor. In 1974, a court said that "American housewives and cooks normally are not ignorant and stupid" and that they know how to prepare food so people don't get sick.

Even though salmonella is not prohibited in raw meat or poultry, regulators check to make sure the number of samples at processing plants that test positive for the bacteria is within standards. Rules are tighter for whole turkeys, and the industry says the chances of finding salmonella in whole birds are "exceedingly low."

The turkey industry cites steps it takes to reduce risk, such as the use of antimicrobial rinses.

The rules differ for other products. For instance, salmonella is

not allowed in packaged foods that aren't cooked to kill germs.

■ **What about the outbreak?** Since it began last year, the outbreak linked to raw turkey has caused one death and 164 reported illnesses in 35 states. Until last week, regulators hadn't been able to tie any cases to a specific product or supplier. That's even though investigators said 29 unidentified slaughtering and processing plants tested positive for the salmonella strain involved.

The recall could be confusing because federal regulations are contradictory. The U.S. Department of Agriculture doesn't prohibit salmonella but can ask companies to recall products once they are clearly shown to be responsible for illnesses. The USDA's Carmen Rottenberg said the agency can't take action until it has enough evidence.

According to the USDA, the people who got food poisoning reported eating different kinds of turkey products and brands. Cases also included people who handled raw turkey pet food or worked with live turkeys.

Salmonella spreads through animal feces. It blamed for an estimated 1 million cases of food poisoning a year, with symptoms including diarrhea, vomiting and stomach cramps. Whether someone gets sick depends on the strength of the strain, the amount and the person's susceptibility, the USDA notes. But the agency says cooking should kill salmonella.

■ **What was recalled?** The USDA tied one illness in Arizona to Jennie-O ground turkey meat. The recall by Jennie-O was limited to turkey from a single day's



MATT ROURKE/AP

Turkeys are raised on a farm in Lebanon, Pa. To kill the possibility of salmonella, cook birds to an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees.

production in September from a manufacturing line in Wisconsin. The packages had use-by dates of early October but could still be in freezers.

Regulators say more products from other companies could still be linked to the illnesses. Parent company Hormel Foods Corp. said it owns five of the 29 plants that tested positive for the germ.

The ongoing outbreak doesn't necessarily mean there's more food poisoning from salmonella. Improved detection might just be discovering outbreaks that in the past might have seemed like unrelated cases, said Sarah Sorscher, of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

"It's shedding a light on a longstanding problem," she said.

■ **What should cooks do?** Health officials say proper handling and cooking should kill any salmonella. A few points to remember:

— It seems counterintuitive, but don't rinse raw turkey; that can spread any germs.

— Clean hands and cooking surfaces that come into contact with raw turkey.

— Cook birds to an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees.



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Four types of Jennie-O ground raw turkey with a P190 designation have been recalled due to concerns over salmonella.

Anti-vaccination stronghold in NC hit with major chickenpox outbreak

By ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER
The Washington Post

Chickenpox has taken hold of a school in North Carolina where many families claim religious exemption from vaccines.

Cases of chickenpox have been multiplying at an Asheville Waldorf School, which serves children from nursery school to sixth grade in Asheville, N.C. About a dozen infections grew to 28 at the beginning of the month. By Friday, there were 36, the Asheville Citizen-Times reported.

The outbreak ranks as the state's worst since the chickenpox vaccine became available more than 20 years ago. Since then, the two-dose course has succeeded in limiting the highly contagious disease that once affected 90 percent of Americans.

The school is a symbol of the small but strong movement

against the most effective means of preventing the spread of infectious diseases — like an island in the vast ocean of medical consensus. The percentage of children under 2 years old who haven't received any vaccinations has quadrupled since 2001, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The flare-up demonstrates how a seemingly fringe view can gain currency in a place like Asheville, a funky, year-round resort town nestled between the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains.

"The school follows immunization requirements put in place by the state board of education, but also recognizes that a parent's decision to immunize their children happens before they enter school," the school explained in a statement to Blue Ridge Public Radio. Jennifer Moore, the medical director of Buncombe County,

N.C., was unambiguous, saying, "We want to be clear. Vaccination is the best protection from chickenpox."

"When we see high numbers of unimmunized children and adults, we know that an illness like chickenpox can spread easily throughout the community — into our playgrounds, grocery stores and sports teams," she said in a news release.

Not all parents seemed to grasp the gravity of the outbreak. Nor does everyone see the rationale behind vaccines, which some believe cause more severe health issues than they're meant to cure. The claim of an autism risk, though it has been debunked, has remained a rallying cry of the anti-vaccine movement.

"What's the big deal with chickenpox?" one city resident, Amy Gordon, told the Citizen-Times.

Chickenpox is serious, warns

the CDC, "even life-threatening, especially in babies, adolescents, adults, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems."

The virus used to crop up in about 4 million cases annually in the United States, causing more than 10,000 hospitalizations and between 100 and 150 deaths. Children were especially susceptible, as schools seemed to incubate the blisterlike rash, which appears first on the stomach, back and face and can spread over the entire surface of the body, creating as many as 500 itchy blisters.

That was before a two-dose vaccination program was licensed in the U.S. in 1995.

The vaccine, which the CDC says is about 90 percent effective, hasn't eliminated the varicella zoster virus, which causes chickenpox. But since the regimen became commercially available, it

has reduced the number of cases, as well as their severity. A 14-year prospective study published in Pediatrics in 2013 found the incidence of infection was nine to 10 times lower than in the prevaccine era.

Still, the vaccine's clearly documented merits remain unconvincing to some. Asheville Waldorf has one of the highest religious vaccination exemption rates in the state, according to data maintained by the state's Department of Health and Human Services.

The private school has a higher rate of exemption on religious grounds than all but two other North Carolina schools, the Citizen-Times reported. During the 2017-18 school year, 19 of 28 kindergarteners were exempt from at least one vaccine required by the state. Of the school's 152 students, 110 had not received the chickenpox vaccine.

NATION



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Aleah Azhir, 21, a senior at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, is among the latest crop of American Rhodes scholars, which has more women than any other single class.

New Rhodes scholar class features many women, immigrants

By PHILIP MARCELO
and DEEPTI HAJELA
Associated Press

BOSTON — The latest crop of U.S. Rhodes scholars has more women than any other single class, and almost half of this year's recipients of the prestigious scholarship to Oxford University in England are either immigrants or first-generation Americans, the Rhodes Trust announced Sunday.

Among the 32 winners is Harvard University senior Jin Park, the first recipient covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, the Obama-era program that shields young immigrants from deportation.

Park, 22, of the New York City borough of Queens, arrived from South Korea with his parents when he was 7, studied molecular and cellular biology at Harvard, and founded a nonprofit to help undocumented students apply to college.

He hopes to become an immigrant advocate, saying it's important for him to use the opportunity to better others, not just himself.

"When you grow up as an undocumented immigrant in America, that understanding that your talents don't really belong to you in the traditional sense, that you have to share the fruits of your labor with others, that's just something you learn," Park said.

Aleah Azhir, 21, a senior at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, emigrated from Iran when she was 14 — and is also one of 21 female scholars named Sunday. The New York City resident hopes eventually to become a doctor and will study women's and reproductive health at Oxford.

"I'm just a passionate advocate for women in general and that's mostly because of my background," she said. "I thought

that the way I could advocate for women could be by advocating for their health."

At Chapman University in Southern California, Vidal Arroyo, 21, reflected on his unlikely path to becoming his school's first Rhodes scholar.

"As a Latino, a first-generation college student and a train commuter to college, winning this scholarship means so much to me because it sheds hope for students from backgrounds like my own who have to overcome multiple barriers in pursuit of a higher education and a better future," said Arroyo, who plans to study engineering science at Oxford.

Eren Orbey, 23, a senior at Yale University in Connecticut whose parents emigrated from Turkey, hopes studying at Oxford will bring greater "context and clarity" to his writing. He is a regular contributor to The New Yorker magazine and is working on a book about his father, who was slain in Ankara when he was just 3, and the killer.

"I'm interested in studying the ethics of revenge and forgiveness," Orbey said Sunday by email. "I think that our culture and media coverage often condescend to immigrants and survivors of trauma. In my writing, I hope to recast tragedy and strife as occasions for growth and heroism."

The U.S. Rhodes scholars join a separate, international group of scholars representing more than 60 countries.

Rhodes scholarships provide all expenses for at least two years of study at Oxford. They were created in 1902 in the will of Cecil Rhodes, a British businessman and Oxford alum who was a prime minister of the Cape Colony in present-day South Africa.

Calif. inmate confesses to 90 deaths; 30 confirmed

By DAVID WARREN
Associated Press

DALLAS — A man convicted of three California murders and long suspected in numerous other deaths now claims he was involved in about 90 killings nationwide spanning nearly four decades, and investigators already have corroborated about a third of those, a Texas prosecutor said last week.

Ector County District Attorney Bobby Bland said Samuel Little, 78, was booked into jail recently following his indictment in the 1994 death of a Texas woman. Investigations are ongoing, but Little has provided details in more than 90 deaths dating to about 1970, Bland said.

Little was brought to Texas in September, and investigators with law enforcement agencies in several states traveled to speak with him about unsolved homicides.

"They're able to match up over 30 cases so far," Bland said. "So far we don't have any false information coming from him."

If the number of killings Little claims to have committed proves true, it would make him one of the most prolific killers in U.S. history. Ted Bundy confessed to 30 homicides from about 1974 to 1978. John Wayne Gacy killed at least 33 boys and young men in the 1970s.

Arguably one of the deadliest globally was an English general practitioner named Harold Shipman, who an investigative panel determined was responsible for the deaths of 250. He was convicted in 2000 in the U.S.

During Little's 2014 trial in Los Angeles, prosecutors said he was likely responsible for at least 40 killings since 1980. Authorities at the time were looking for possible links to deaths in Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Texas.

Bland said Little recently provided details to Texas Ranger James Holland that showed Little was in Odessa, Texas, when Denise Christie Brothers was last seen in 1994. Her body was found about a month later in a vacant lot. Holland eventually

elicited a confession from Little and admissions to dozens of other killings from about 1970 to 2005, Bland said.

Little was being held without bond in the Ector County jail on a murder charge relating to Brothers' death. Jail records don't indicate whether he has an attorney. He has a court appearance scheduled for Nov. 26.

Little was brought to Texas for questioning in the case from California, where he was convicted in 2014 in the deaths years earlier of the three women in Los Angeles County. DNA evidence collected from old crime scenes was used to match samples of his stored in a criminal database.



Little

Los Angeles cold-case detectives at the time suspected Little was a serial killer, a transient and former boxer who traveled the country preying on drug addicts, troubled women and others. His criminal history includes offenses committed in 24 states spread over 56 years — mostly assault, burglary, armed robbery, shoplifting and drug violations.

Those detectives determined that Little often delivered a knockout punch to women and then proceeded to strangle them while masturbating, dumping the bodies and soon after leaving town.

Little, who often went by the name Samuel McDowell, grew up with his grandmother in Lorain, Ohio. His criminal history shows his first arrest came at age 16 on burglary charges.

For years he had denied to investigators in different states that he was responsible for any killings. Bland speculates that he finally confessed after the appeals to his life sentence in California were ultimately rejected and he no longer had any reason to hide his role.

"People for years have been trying to get a confession out of him, and James Holland is the one who finally got him to give that information," Bland said.

Inmate's death ruled a homicide

By JOHN O'CONNOR
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The death of an inmate following an altercation with correctional staff at Western Illinois Correctional Center in May has been ruled a homicide, according to an autopsy report provided to The Associated Press under a Freedom of Information request.

Larry Earvin died from blunt trauma to the chest and abdomen, the death certificate from Clinton County, Tex., southern Illinois said. Earvin, 65, sustained 15 rib fractures and two dozen or more abrasions, hemorrhages and lacerations. Surgery to remove a portion of his bowel appears to have followed the injury, the report said.

The FBI is investigating the May 17 incident at the prison in Mount Sterling, about 250 miles southwest of Chicago. Illinois Department of Corrections officials declined to disclose details of the altercation.

At least four Western Illinois employees were placed on administrative leave with pay on May 22, according to documents provided

under the Freedom of Information Act. Suspended for allegedly violating conduct standards were correctional Sgt. Willie Hedden, 40, of Mount Sterling; correctional Lts. Benjamin Burnett, 33, of Winchester, and Blake Haubrich, 30, of Quincy; and correctional officer Alex Banta, 27, of Quincy.

Earvin, serving a six-year sentence for a Cook County robbery and scheduled for release in September, was airlifted to a regional hospital after the incident. Corrections spokeswoman Lindsey Hess said in July. He died six weeks after he was airlifted, on June 26, at Centralia Correctional Center, according to the death certificate signed by Clinton County Coroner Phillip Moss.

Moss declined comment. So did Dr. Gershon Norfleet, the St. Louis forensic pathologist who performed the autopsy with special agents from the FBI and Illinois State Police and a state police crime scene investigator attending.

Neither FBI spokesman Brad Ware nor Hess would comment on the autopsy.

"The IDOC (corrections de-

partment) has cooperated fully with federal authorities and, as per FBI policy, we are not allowed to discuss details regarding an investigation," Hess said in an email.

In addition to the broken ribs and multiple abrasions which showed signs of healing at the time of death, Earvin had pneumonia, a tracheostomy tube and a chest tube to drain fluids, all associated with chest trauma, according to Norfleet's findings. Under the heading "blunt abdominal trauma," the report said that a portion of Earvin's colon had been removed surgically and an ileostomy bag installed for waste removal.

The death certificate indicates that Earvin was born in an unknown Mississippi city. He was sentenced to six years in prison in 2015 for theft of merchandise under \$300 in Cook County.

His rap sheet also includes a seven-year stretch in 2004 for aggravated arson and previous convictions for theft, burglary, theft and attempted burglary dating to 1984.

WORLD

US closes busiest Mexico border crossing

By YESICA FISCH
Associated Press

TIJUANA, Mexico — The United States closed off north-bound traffic for several hours at the busiest border crossing with Mexico to install new security barriers on Monday, a day after hundreds of Tijuana residents protested against the presence of thousands of Central American migrants.

The U.S. also closed one of two pedestrian crossings at the San Ysidro crossing in a move apparently aimed at preventing any mass rush of migrants across the border.

The installation of movable, wire-topped barriers threatens to complicate life for Mexicans using San Ysidro, where about 110,000 people enter the U.S. every day in 40,000 vehicles.

Long lines backed up in Tijuana, where many people have to cross the border to work on the U.S. side.

Such inconveniences prompted by the arrival of the migrant caravan may have played a role in Sunday's protests, when about 400 Tijuana residents waved Mexican flags, sang the Mexican national anthem and chanted "Out! Out!" referring to the migrant caravan that arrived in the border city last



RODRIGO ABO/AP

A demonstrator argues with a woman during a protest against the presence of thousands of Central American migrants in Tijuana, Mexico, on Sunday.

week.

Tensions have built as nearly 3,000 migrants from the caravan poured into Tijuana in recent days after more than a month on

the road — and with many more months likely ahead of them while they seek asylum in the U.S. The federal government estimates the number of migrants could soon

swell to 10,000.

U.S. border inspectors are processing only about 100 asylum claims a day at Tijuana's main crossing to San Diego. Asylum

seekers register their names in a tattered notebook managed by migrants themselves that had more than 3,000 names even before the caravan arrived.

Some Tijuana residents supported the migrants, but others accused the migrants of being messy, ungrateful and a danger to Tijuana.

They also complained about how the caravan forced its way into Mexico, calling it an "invasion." And they voiced worries that their taxes might be spent to care for the group.

"We don't want them in Tijuana," protesters shouted.

Juana Rodriguez, a housewife, said the government needs to conduct background checks on the migrants to make sure they don't have criminal records.

A block away, fewer than a dozen Tijuana residents stood with signs of support for the migrants.

Keyla Zamarron, 38, a teacher, said the protesters don't represent her way of thinking as she held a sign saying, "Childhood has no borders."

The migrants' expected long stay in Tijuana has raised concerns about the ability of the border city of more than 1.6 million people to handle the influx.

Israel avoids early elections as its coalition is kept intact, PM says

By TIA GOLDENBERG
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel avoided early elections after a key coalition partner in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government said on Monday that he would not withdraw his party, keeping the coalition intact despite a crisis triggered by a violent flare-up with Gaza militants.

Education Minister Naftali Bennett said his hard-line, pro-settler Jewish Home party would

give Netanyahu another chance to address the security challenges facing Israel, listing off threats from Gaza and Lebanon, among others, which he wanted dealt with more firmly.

"I tell the prime minister here: We are withdrawing right now all of our political demands and will stand to help you in this great mission of getting Israel to win again," he said.

Bennett had earlier threatened to resign, and his about-face

eased the most serious coalition crisis Israel's government has encountered since it was formed in 2015. He acknowledged that the turnaround could hurt him politically but said he felt it was in the country's interests to give Netanyahu one last chance.

While the move put off early elections for now, it keeps the governing coalition on shaky ground with only a slim 61-seat majority in Israel's 120-seat parliament.

Another coalition member, Fi-

nance Minister Moshe Kahlon, has also voiced support for early elections, saying that governing with a 61-seat majority is untenable. Netanyahu has sought to persuade him to remain in the fold but a meeting between the two on Sunday ended with no news. But without a partner in Bennett to bring down the government, it's unclear how hard Kahlon will push for its toppling.

Netanyahu would enter any campaign weakened by the recent Gaza flare-up but heartened

by the lack of any real challenger to his leadership.

Most opinion polls, including those after the crisis began, show Netanyahu easily securing reelection, which would grant him a place in Israeli history as the country's longest serving leader.

According to polls, the political map would not change much from the current one, where one of Israel's most hard-line governments faces a fragmented opposition unable to pose a serious challenge.

UNESCO launches Holocaust education website

Associated Press

PARIS — The U.N. culture and education agency has teamed up with the World Jewish Congress to launch a website to counter Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism.

UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay and WJC President Ronald Lauder unveiled the interactive "Facts about the Holocaust" site at the cultural agency's Paris headquarters on Monday.

It features a trove of historical information about the Holocaust, including testimonies, and it is linked to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Online Holocaust Encyclopedia.

The new site has been conceived to combat what UNESCO calls "increased hate and disinformation online" on Jewish issues.



MICHEL EULER/AP

From left, UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay; Francis Kalifat, of CRIF, an umbrella organization for Jewish groups in France; and World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder pose for a photo at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris on Monday.

Mexican drug lord Beltran Leyva dies of heart attack

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexican drug boss Hector Manuel Beltran Leyva, once one of Mexico's most wanted men, died Sunday after suffering a heart attack in jail.

The Interior Ministry said that Beltran Leyva, 56, was taken to a hospital in the central city of Toluca after complaining of chest pains but doctors were unable to save him.

Beltran Leyva received the necessary medical attention, and prison and hospital personnel did everything in their capacity to revive him, the ministry said, emphasizing that security protocols were observed.

Beltran Leyva was arrested in

2014 in San Miguel de Allende, a colonial city favored by U.S. retirees, but had eluded an extradition request from the United States.

The family-run Beltran Leyva cartel was once a leading player in Mexican drug trafficking, with control of the U.S. border region in Sonora. In 2008, a federation dominated by the Sinaloa Cartel, which included the Beltran Leyva organization, broke apart, sparking one of the bloodiest episodes of Mexican cartel infighting.

Beltran Leyva's wife, Clara Laborin Archuleta, was arrested in 2016 after taking over cartel operations and trying to reassert control in the Pacific Coast resort of Acapulco.

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WORLD

Kremlin critic facing new charges

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian prosecutors on Monday announced a new criminal case against Kremlin critic Bill Browder, raising the pressure on him before European Union discussions about a set of sanctions he is advocating.

They also revealed a "theory" that he could be behind the death of his employee, Sergei Magnitsky, in a Russian prison.

Magnitsky, a lawyer, died in 2009 following a year in pre-trial detention after alleging he had undergone \$230 million in tax fraud by Russian officials. A Russian presidential commission concluded that he had been beaten and denied medical care. Two prison doctors were charged with negligence leading to his death, but one was acquitted by a court in 2013 and another didn't face justice because of a statute of limitations.

U.S.-born Browder, who owned

a major investment fund in Russia, mounted a campaign to bring Magnitsky's killers to justice. He pushed through legislation, named after Magnitsky, in the United States imposing travel and financial sanctions on top Russian officials including prosecutors. Several other countries have since adopted the Magnitsky Act.

Russian prosecutors on Monday announced new charges against Browder, accusing him of forming a criminal group to embezzle funds in Russia. They also said they suspect Magnitsky's death in prison was a poisoning and said they have a "theory" Browder was behind it.

Mikhail Alexandrov, of the Prosecutor General's Office, told reporters that they opened a criminal case into a poisoning with a military-grade substance of the three people they called Browder's associates and said that it is "highly likely" that Magnitsky, who they said displayed similar symptoms, was poisoned

as well.

The new charges against Browder follow his 2013 conviction in absentia by a Moscow court on tax evasion charges that he dismissed as a sham.

The announcement comes as the Netherlands is preparing to host diplomats from all EU member states to discuss a pan-EU Magnitsky Act.

Browder told The Associated Press on Monday that he has no relation to the three men named by the prosecutors and described the accusations of the poisoning as an attempt to discredit his campaign for justice for Magnitsky.

Browder compared the new theory about Magnitsky's death to the Russian denials of its role in the 2014 downing of Malaysian flight MH17, saying, "It looks like MH17 where the Russians are blaming the Ukrainians for the plane that they shot down."

Prosecutors said Monday they will place Browder on a wanted list and expect Interpol's

cooperation.

Russia has previously tried to get Browder placed on Interpol's wanted list but the organization has repelled the efforts, viewing his prosecution as politically motivated.

Browder was briefly detained in Spain in May and released after police found the arrest warrant for him was no longer valid.

Monday's announcement comes two days before Interpol is expected to elect its new chief, and a former Russian police official is a front-runner.

Browder said the possible appointment of a former Russian police official "puts the organization in a grave danger of being fully discredited."

Other Kremlin critics have been vocal about the upcoming Interpol election.

Opposition leader Alexei Navalny, who has faced a flurry of detentions and criminal charges, tweeted Monday that his associates "have suffered abuse" from



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANCHENKO/AP

Nataliya Magnitskaya, mother of lawyer Sergei Magnitsky, who died in a Russian prison, holds a photo of her son in 2009. Russia has suggested a Kremlin critic who worked for Magnitsky was behind the lawyer's death.

Interpol officials who were complying with Russian warrants to persecute Kremlin opponents and warned that the candidate from Russia would only make things worse.



MOISES CASTILLO/AP

The Volcano of Fire spews molten lava from its crater Monday in Antigua, Guatemala.

Volcanic activity prompts Guatemala evacuations

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY — About 4,000 residents fled Guatemala's Volcano of Fire on Monday as red-hot rock and ash spewed into the sky and cascaded down the slopes toward an area devastated by a deadly eruption earlier this year.

Guatemala's volcanology unit said that explosions from the 12,300-foot-high mountain shook homes with "constant sounds similar to a train locomotive." Incandescent material burst as high as 3,200 feet above the cra-

ter and flows of hot rock and ash extended nearly 2 miles down one flank of the volcano. Hot blasts of pyroclastic material pushed down canyons on the slopes, while a column of ash rose nearly 23,000 feet above sea level and drifted toward Guatemala City to the east.

Hundreds of families heeded the call of disaster coordination authorities to evacuate 10 communities, piling into yellow school buses for trips to shelters. The national disaster commission said 3,925 people had been evacuated

by early Monday.

The Volcano of Fire is one of the most active in Central America and an eruption in June killed 194 people. Another 234 are officially missing, although organizations have insisted there are thousands of missing persons.

It spewed more ash and hot rock in October, prompting warnings for the nearby communities. The biggest danger from the volcano are lahars, a mixture of ash, rock, mud and debris, that can bury entire towns.

Drunken policeman accused of killing 3 at party in East Timor

By RAIMUNDOS OKI
Associated Press

DILI, East Timor — Scores of people demonstrated in East Timor's capital on Monday to protest the killing of three people at a party, allegedly by a drunken policeman.

East Timor police Chief Julio da Costa Hornay said the suspect, officer Jose Mina, has been apprehended. He said the party was hosted by Mina's police colleague in the Kuluhun neighborhood of Dili city.

"Their attitude has damaged the reputation of the East Timor police institution," Hornay said, "We will punish them."

Survivors said the shooting began with a fight between two guests at the party held Saturday night to commemorate a year after the death of the host's relative. Mina, who was in plain clothes, raised his gun to warn them to stop fighting when the electricity suddenly went out just after midnight.

Witnesses said Mina, apparently heavily drunk, stood on a bench and opened fire randomly in the

dark. Three men died instantly and five other guests were hospitalized with gunshot wounds.

The killings sparked protests throughout the city Monday, with demonstrators shouting "Police are murderers" and demanding justice.

"The government and police should clarify why police officers can use weapons freely to kill people," Alberto Sequeira, the father of one of the victims, told a news conference.

"This is not the first time," he said. "Armed policemen have threatened other families repeatedly but the government has not taken serious measures and now civilians become victims."

Hornay said police are still investigating the shooting, and are questioning the host and another officer who attended the party.

He said police have clear rules about how to use their weapons and there are tough punishments for those who violate them.

"The Kuluhun shooting has devastated our hearts," East Timor President Francisco Guterres Lu-Lo said in a statement.

World Toilet Day puts focus on sanitation

KAMPALA, Uganda — Campaigners are urging governments and businesses to invest more to improve sanitation in poor countries facing a dangerous shortage of toilets.

To mark World Toilet Day on Monday, the group WaterAid said that 1 in 5 primary schools and 1 in 8 secondary schools globally do not have any toilets.

According to the report, an estimated 344 million children in sub-Saharan Africa do not have a decent toilet at home, leaving them vulnerable to diarrhea and other water-borne infections.

Cheryl Hicks, chief executive of the Geneva-based Toilet Board Coalition, told The Associated Press that sanitation entrepreneurs can help reduce the toilet shortage in countries where such infrastructure is too expensive for governments.

From The Associated Press

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Turbulent stock market spooks older workers

By ANDREW SOERGEL
For The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The recent turbulence in the U.S. stock markets is spooking some older workers and retirees, a group that was hit particularly hard during the most recent financial crisis.

There's no indication, though, that the recent volatility has brought about large-scale overhauls in retirement planning.

"There's a lot of fear that if you have another event like 2008 and you retire the year before or the year after, you're screwed. I'm not taking that risk," said Mark Patterson, a recently retired patent attorney from Nashville, Tenn. "There's a huge fear of folks my age that they're going to run out of money and they're going to need to rely on the government for help."

By the time the market bottomed out during the financial

crisis in 2009, an estimated \$2.7 trillion had been wiped out of Americans' retirement accounts, according to the Urban Institute. Older Americans, in particular, have had a tough time recovering their losses. The Pew Research Center estimates the net worth of the median Baby Boomer household in 2016 was still nearly 18 percent shy of where it sat in 2007.

In the two years since Donald Trump's election, 62 percent of Americans — and 76 percent of those 65 and over — don't believe their financial situation has improved despite the run-up in the stock markets, according to a recent Bankrate survey. Nearly 1 in 5 respondents said their finances have gotten worse.

Paul Kelash, vice president of consumer insights at Allianz Life Insurance Co., said the market fluctuations throughout 2018 look less like the prelude to a retire-

ment savings crisis and more like a return to normalcy after a remarkably steady market run.

As such, he hasn't seen much evidence of Americans drastically altering their retirement plans. "We get the feeling that folks are getting more comfortable with volatility," he said.

Patterson gradually began stepping away from his law practice in 2016 — a decision he said was motivated in part by the stress of his job, his relatively stable finances and a "re-evaluation of priorities" after losing his wife of 35 years in 2013.

Now, 68, Patterson said he still has some "discretionary spending" money invested in stocks and riskier assets.

But he says he was reluctant to put too much money into a stock market that soared through-out 2017, a decision he said was driven in part by memories of the 2008 financial crisis.

Memories of the recession continue to take a financial and psychological toll on many of those who were affected.

"There is no evidence that retirement wealth has improved in the last few years," said Teresa Ghilarducci, a labor economist, professor and director of the Retirement Equity Lab at The New School. For workers 50 to 65, there are indications wealth has actually fallen, she said.

Ghilarducci notes that workers and their employers stopped or cut back on 401(k) and retirement account contributions immediately after the financial crisis. Many also opted to "deleverage" and pay down debt as the recovery got underway, she said, which tied up money that otherwise would have been saved or invested.

With a limited number of working years ahead of them — and, in some cases, their peak earning years largely behind them

— many older Americans haven't managed to replenish their depleted retirement and savings accounts.

Mark Hamrick, the Washington bureau chief and senior economic analyst at Bankrate, notes that the Federal Reserve's ongoing efforts to boost interest rates benefit savers with money in the bank but also make it more difficult for those with debt to pay back what they owe. The "rising economic tide" has been a boon for many, he says, "but it doesn't lift all boats."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 20)	\$1.1714
Dollar buys (Nov. 20)	60.8537
British pound (Nov. 20)	\$1.32
Japanese yen (Nov. 20)	110.60
South Korean won (Nov. 20)	1,097.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2827
Canada (Dollar)	1.3189
China (Yuan)	6.8435
Denmark (Krone)	6.5302
Egypt (Pound)	17.9599
Euro	\$1.1429/0.8750
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8333
Hungary (Forint)	261.41
Israel (Shekel)	3.7067
Japan (Yen)	112.73
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3039
Norway (Krone)	8.4856
Philippines (Peso)	52.51
Poland (Zloty)	3.79
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7527
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3719
South Korea (Won)	1,127.54
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9960
Thailand (Baht)	32.92
Turkey (Lira)	5.3352
Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance. For Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, or nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.25
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	2.00
3-month bill	2.31
30-year bond	3.33

Ex-mayor Bloomberg donates \$1.8B to Johns Hopkins

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced Sunday he's donating \$1.8 billion to his alma mater, Johns Hopkins University, to boost financial aid for low- and middle-income students.

The Baltimore university said the contribution — the largest to any education institution in the U.S. — will allow Johns Hopkins to eliminate student loans in financial aid packages starting next fall. The university will instead offer scholarships that don't have to be repaid.

University President Ronald Daniels said Bloomberg's contribution will also let the institution permanently commit to "need-blind admissions," or the principle of admitting the highest-achieving students, regardless of



Bloomberg

their ability to pay for their education.

"Hopkins has received a gift that is unprecedented and transformative," he said in a statement, noting the prestigious school was founded in 1876 by a \$7 million gift from Baltimore merchant Johns Hopkins that was, similarly, the largest gift of its kind at

the time.

By way of comparison, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation launched the Gates Millennium Scholars program in 1999 with a \$1 billion commitment over 20 years. The Chronicle of Higher Education listed it as the

largest private donation to a higher education institution in the U.S. earlier this month.

Bloomberg said he expects the money will allow Hopkins to offer more generous scholarships and ease the debt burden for graduates. "America is at its best when we reward people based on the quality of their work, not the size of their pocketbook," he said in a statement. "Denying students entry to a college based on their ability to pay undermines equal opportunity."

The 76-year-old founder of the global financial services and media company Bloomberg L.P. is among the world's richest people. He graduated from Hopkins in 1964, served as New York mayor from 2002 to 2013 and has for years weighed running for president — including in 2020.

WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Woman forces teen to walk naked in public

FL DADE CITY — A Florida woman is facing felony child abuse charges after deputies said she forced a 13-year-old girl to walk naked in public as punishment.

The Tampa Bay Times reported that Rosalie Contreras, 34, of Dade City was arrested Thursday by Pasco County sheriff's deputies. Her relationship to the girl was not disclosed.

According to investigators, Contreras forced the girl to take off her clothes and get out of the car. When another car came into view, she told the girl to get back in the car.

The girl told investigators Contreras slapped her, punched her and twisted her breasts. Contreras was released on \$20,000 bond.

Pet lovers meet pet stars at PetCon

NY NEW YORK — Pet lovers got to meet some pet stars from social media this past weekend at PetCon in New York City, a convention dedicated to all things linked to beloved animals.

While there were some cats and other creatures there, PetCon in Manhattan is mostly about dogs and their humans.

Elaine Marzorati was in line to see a Chihuahua and dachshund mix named Tuna Melts My Heart who's become famous on Instagram. Rick Hendrix brought his French bulldog, Izzy, wearing a Valentino-inspired dress.

PetCon also has a dog adoption garden, plus panels on topics such as how dogs are treated under the law and how much money is spent on pets.

Police find 5 dead dogs in filthy home

CT FAIRFIELD — Fairfield police said five dead dogs were found in the home of a local woman.

Police were called to the home Wednesday after the landlord discovered the carcasses. Authorities said Saturday that officers later entered the home with a search warrant and found the decomposed bodies of five dogs.

Lt. Robert Kalamaras told the Connecticut Post that conditions were deplorable, with dog feces and the carcasses creating a strong bad smell.

Officials said the dogs were left in crates and it appeared they were abandoned. No one had been in the home in some time.

Bones of man dead for centuries are found

IL ANTIOCH — A woman doing landscaping on her suburban Chicago property unearthed the bones of a man who died 800 to 1,000 years ago.

The Lake County News-Sun reported that the woman was digging in Antioch Township near

THE CENSUS

16 The approximate weight in pounds of heroin that federal authorities intercepted in the mail disguised as Christmas boxes. Authorities on Nov. 6 intercepted the package sent by "David Johnson" in California to "Robert Johnson" in Anchorage, Alaska. The package weighed 27 pounds and cost \$168.95 in postage. The next day, law enforcement officers conducted a "controlled delivery" of the package to the address listed on it. When officers determined the package had been opened, they converged on the home. Don Frye Sr., 53, was the only one in the home, prosecutors said. He was found with a torn plastic baggie, a glass pipe and a knife.



ROSS DILLINGHAM, (LEWISTON, MAINE) SUN JOURNAL/AP

FEZtival of Trees

Elsa Hogate, 5, of Farmington, Maine, looks up at the decorated trees on display at the annual FEZtival of Trees at the Kora Temple in Lewiston, Maine, on Saturday.

Fox Lake in September when she unearthed some bones. She called authorities when she found a jaw that looked human. The newspaper said the woman didn't want to be identified.

Crime scene investigators, anthropologists and other experts secured the area and recovered 75 percent of the skeleton of a man about 20 to 30 years old.

Art museum to launch \$1.5M space balloon

NV RENO — A museum in Nevada says it is about to send a diamond-shaped sculpture into space that will be visible to the naked eye at night.

The Nevada Museum of Art's \$1.5 million project was to launch Monday from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base, the Reno Gazette Journal reported.

While on Earth, it has not had a smooth ride, with some scientists deeming it obnoxious and a blemish on the night sky.

The 100-foot-long sculpture will be stuffed in a package attached to a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. The sculpture that self-inflates as a

balloon will burst from the package and remain in orbit for about 60 days before it burns.

Police seize heroin, arrest Providence man

RI PROVIDENCE — Providence police have seized at least \$1 million worth of heroin in one of the largest drug busts in city history.

Authorities said they found nearly 51 pounds of pure heroin hidden in school bus seats in a city apartment Friday morning. Officials said the heroin could be worth at least \$4 million.

The bust came during an investigation by city detectives looking into large amounts of heroin being sold and bought in Providence.

Police arrested Jose Figueroa Rosales, 45, on drug charges. He is being held without bail.

Kitty's obit helps raise \$3K for humane society

VT BELLINGS FALLS — A Vermont man helped raise more than \$3,000 for a local

humane society through a humorous and heartfelt obituary for his cat.

The Brattleboro Reformer reported that Bellows Falls artist Charlie Hunter posted the obituary for his cat, Pvt. Silas Goodrich, on Facebook last week, saying his nearly 18-year-old companion has gone to "the catnip patch in the sky."

Hunter said that Goodrich was put to sleep after his health declined due to kidney disease.

Hunter encouraged readers to donate to the Windham County Humane Society in exchange for a sticker of Silas' face.

Woman fatally shot as husband cleans gun

NY CORINTH — Police said an update New York woman was killed in an apparent accident when a shot discharged as her husband was cleaning his gun.

New York state police said Ashley Rosenbrock, 34, was shot Thursday night in her home in Corinth. She was pronounced dead at Saratoga Hospital.

Police said Saturday that Rosenbrock's husband, Eric Rosenbrock, 35, was "performing maintenance" on his legally owned handgun when it went off. The investigation is ongoing.

Lack of meat delays state crabbing season

OR NEWPORT — State shellfish managers have delayed the start of the commercial Dungeness crabbing season along the Oregon coast due to lack of meat on the crustaceans.

The ocean commercial crab season typically opens Dec. 1. But the Department of Fish and Wildlife has pushed that back until at least Dec. 16. Officials said they will do more testing in coming weeks and decide whether to open the crabbing season Dec. 16 or take other actions.

Other crab closures are also in effect in southern Oregon because of high toxin levels.

The closure applies to recreational and commercial crab harvests from bays and estuaries as well as on beaches and docks.

From wire reports

FACES

'It's going to take you to church'

Aretha Franklin, in concert in Los Angeles in 2015

LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

Aretha Franklin's 'Amazing Grace' finally in theaters

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
Associated Press

Three years ago, Alan Elliott was at the Telluride Film Festival, prepared to unveil the holy grail of musical works: A documentary on the making of Aretha Franklin's "Amazing Grace," which had been lost to the archives until Elliott spent decades restoring it.

But then, through lawyers, he got word that the Queen of Soul herself was trying to prevent the film from being shown. Elliott's business partner, Turrell Whitley, recalls the moment as "deflating."

But as determined as Elliott and Whitley were to get the documentary to the world, they decided not to fight Franklin.

"It would just be wrong and the wrong spirit," Whitley said, adding later: "In talking to Alan, it was really about patience and saying, 'You know what? God may not have meant it right now. And that's OK. Let's just be patient. When God says it's the right time, it will be the right time, not just for us but for her, for her family, for her legacy.'"

That time has arrived, three months after Franklin's death from pancreatic cancer, with the blessing of her family. And while there are parts of "Amazing Grace" that are rough, it's a profound, brilliant display of one of the world's greatest singers performing in her element — the church.

"It's the most important document of American popular music ever filmed," said Elliott. "It's completely unique and to any experience that I've ever seen, and I've seen a lot of them."

The album "Amazing Grace" is one of the seminal albums in not only Franklin's discography,

but the canon of American pop music. Franklin, then 29 and at the height of her fame, recorded the album in a Los Angeles church in 1972, with a full choir and an audience that included Mick Jagger, over two nights. Legendary gospel star James Cleveland directed the choir. Franklin's famed father, the Rev. C.L. Franklin, spoke at the pulpit.

Warner Bros. Films contracted Oscar-winning director Sydney Pollack to helm the movie. But Pollack made critical errors, including not utilizing a machine to sync the audio to the visuals. While the album would go double platinum and become one of the best-selling gospel albums of all time, the film was forgotten — but not by everyone.

Renowned Atlantic Records producer Jerry Wexler told Elliott — his protégé, a then-25-year-old music executive — about his hopes to one day get the film to screen, and it would become Elliott's passion project for two decades.

A few weeks after Franklin's funeral, Elliott screened the film for about 60 members of her family. The family loved it, and agreed to the film's release soon afterward.

Whitley and Elliott are showing "Amazing Grace" in New York and Los Angeles to give it a push during Oscar season in hopes it could garner a nomination for best documentary, and it has received praise since its release.

"This film, it's going to take you to church," said Franklin's nephew Vaughn Franklin. "You know, I expect to see people up on their feet, tears coming down and holding hands and laughing and joking ... the whole gamut of emotions I think is going to come out there."

Honorary Oscar firsts at Governors Awards

Associated Press

Steven Spielberg teased Kathleen Kennedy and Frank Marshall about the beginnings of their relationship, actress Cicely Tyson brought people to tears and publicist Marvin Levy sang a few lines from "Hamilton" to an audience that included Lin-Manuel Miranda at a lively Governors Awards on Sunday in Los Angeles.

The event honoring the careers of film industry legends Tyson, Levy and composer Lalo Schiffrin gave some of Hollywood's biggest names an opportunity to schmooze without the pressure, as Tom Hanks said, of "being nervous about who is going to win."

The Governors Awards celebrate the careers of a few entertainment veterans who have not yet won an Academy Award by bestowing them with an honorary Oscar statuette. Recipients are voted on by the board of governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

For Tyson, 93, it had been 45 years since her only nomination, for "Sounder" in 1972.

Levy became the first member of the public relations branch of the film academy to win an honorary Oscar, while Kennedy became the first woman to win the prestigious Irving G. Thalberg Memorial award — an honor she shared with her husband and partner, Marshall.

Spielberg made his Amblin Entertainment co-founders blush by telling a story about discovering that the two were in a relationship when he caught them "making out on my couch." Kennedy and Marshall have been married now for 32 years and have two daughters.

The Thalberg award is given to creative producers in recognition of their high-quality body of work. The last Thalberg award recipient was Francis Ford Coppola in 2010.

'Fantastic Beasts' tops weekend box office

"Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" debuted at the top of the weekend box office with a \$62.2 million opening in

the U.S. and Canada, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The latest offering from the Harry Potter multiverse also made \$191 million internationally for a total of \$253 million, according to the studio's estimates.

Last week's top film, "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch," was second with \$38.1 million, bringing its two-week domestic total to \$126 million.

The Freddie Mercury biopic "Bohemian Rhapsody" is still rocking, taking third place with \$15.7 million for a domestic total of \$127 million.

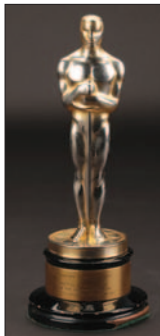
Other news

■ The 34th Film Independent Spirit Awards showered nominations on Bo Burnham's coming-of-age tale "Eight Grade," Lynne Ramsay's existentialist thriller "You Were Never Really Here" and Paul Schrader's religious drama "First Reformed" in nominees announced Nov. 16. Each scored four nods including best picture. The awards honor independent films with budgets under \$20 million.

■ Sean "Diddy" Combs made his first public statements Sunday since the loss of Kim Porter, his longtime former girlfriend and mother of three of his children, saying they were "more than best friends" and "more than soul mates." Porter, a former model and actress, died unexpectedly at her Los Angeles home Nov. 15 at age 47. Authorities haven't given a cause.

■ Justin Bieber and Hailey Baldwin have confirmed their long-rumored marriage. The 24-year-old Canadian singer posted a picture on Instagram of him holding hands with the 21-year-old model with the caption: "My wife is awesome." Baldwin followed up by changing her Instagram username to "Hailey Bieber."

■ "An Elephant Sitting Still" won the top prize Nov. 17 at the Golden Horse Awards, the Chinese-language version of the Oscars. The film upset the martial-arts epic "Shadow," by veteran director Zhang Yimou. Zhang won best director for "Shadow."



Best-picture Oscars up for sale in rare auction

Associated Press

Two Academy Awards for best picture are going up for sale in a rare auction of Oscars.

Auction house Profiles in History announced Monday that an Oscar awarded to "Mutiny on the Bounty" in 1936 and another given to "Gentleman's Agreement" in 1948 will go up for auction in Los Angeles starting Dec. 11.

The "Mutiny on the Bounty" best-picture statuette is expected to go for between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Frank Capra presented the award to Irving Thalberg at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles when the Academy Awards were less than 10 years old. The award is being put up for sale for the first time by the family of Thal-

berg, an essential figure in the early history of Hollywood.

The best-picture Oscar for "Gentleman's Agreement," the 1947 film starring Gregory Peck that took on anti-Semitism and won three Academy Awards, is expected to fetch between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Its seller wants to remain anonymous.

Hans Dreier's art-direction Oscar for 1950's "Sunset Boulevard" and Gloria Swanson's Golden Globe for best actress in a drama for the film are also on offer in the December auction along with other historic movie awards.

Auctions of Oscar statuettes are very uncommon because winners from 1951 onward have had to agree that they or their heirs must offer

to sell it back to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for \$1 before selling it to anyone else. The Academy has said it firmly believes Oscars should be won, not sold.

Still, occasionally Oscars beyond the reach of the rules go up for sale and sell for large sums of money.

The late Michael Jackson acquired David O. Selznick's "Gone With the Wind" Oscar for a record \$1.5 million in 1999.

Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" statuette sold for \$861,542 in 2011.

And in 2014, James Cagney's best-actor Oscar for 1942's "Yankee Doodle Dandy" failed to sell when no one would meet the minimum bid demand of \$800,000.

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SHIFTING GEARS



2019 Fiat 124 Spider Abarth
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124 Spider Abarth blends fun, affordability

By CHARLES FLEMING
Los Angeles Times

The Fiat division of car giant FCA is celebrating the 70th anniversary of its high-performance Abarth segment, currently appearing in the guise of the Fiat 124 Abarth and Fiat 500 Abarth.

These are sporty versions of sports cars. The 124 Spider is Fiat's convertible two-seater. The 500 series is the company's retro-cool runabout.

Fiat's relationship with the Abarth company began shortly after former European motorcycle race champion Carlo Abarth (sometimes known as Karl) founded the company in 1949. Over the years, the Abarth shield — yellow and red, with a scorpion to represent the founder's astrological sign — would appear on many Fiat race cars and road cars.

Fiat purchased Abarth outright in 1971, and it became part of FCA after the merger with Chrysler in 2014.

Now the Abarth moniker represents the sportiest Fiats available.

To whip up West Coast buzz for the anniversary, Fiat representatives invited two dozen local enthusiasts to attend a daylong session of the acclaimed Skip Barber Racing School and take some laps around the Willow Springs racetrack in Abarth cars.

Barber instructor Terry Earwood began the Willow Springs day with a chalk talk. A vry Southerner, Earwood specialized in homespun wisdom, applied to racing. "Any time they say, 'Hey y'all watch this,' you better run the other way or brace yourself for the crash," he said.

He had special warnings for the men in the group, who he said tend to be lead-footed on the gas pedal.

"For some reason all God's male children want to hurry up and get to the crash site



The Fiat 124 Spider is sold in three trim levels — Classica, Lusso and Abarth (above).

faster," Earwood said. "The problem is, the right foot is placed too far from the computer, so it's stupid."

Thus instructed, some drivers were sent to learn to control slides at the "skid pad" area, while others were bused to the nearby "autocross" course to practice cornering and braking techniques.

It became clear, quickly, that while the 500 was peppier and more fun to drive than its non-Abarth counterparts, the 124 was the day's vehicle of choice. Soon, all the drivers were clamoring for another run in the Spider.

The two cars share a 1.4-liter turbo engine that makes 164 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque. Both are offered with manual and automatic transmissions.

The 500 is front-wheel drive; the 124 is rear-wheel drive. The 124 can be had only as a convertible, the 500 as a hard top or with a retractable soft top.

There the comparisons end. The 500, more of a family car and a grocery getter, seemed sluggish on the track. Though it cornered better than I expected, it felt too heavy in the turns.

In fact, the 500 sits 2 inches higher, and is 4 inches narrower, than the go-kart-like 124.

And the Spider — well, it's a real sports car.

The modern 124 Spider made its debut in 2015 as a model year 2016 car, marking the return to Fiat of a storied nameplate, from a Pininfarina design, that the company sold from 1966 to 1985.

It was somewhat ridiculed in the motor-press — including by me — as a "Fiata," because some of its parts were based on the Mazda MX-5 Miata and were manufactured in Mazda's plant in Hiroshima, Japan.

But it quickly grew on me. Nimble, agile and sporty, the stick-shift version of the 124

I drove was willing to go as fast as I could push it through the sloping uphill and downhill course — and would have gone much faster with a pro at the wheel.

Having done some practice slides during the "skid pad" instruction period, I found I could allow the rear wheels of the 124 to break loose just enough to maintain corner speed — bearing in mind what Earwood had said about getting around the course faster.

"What we're looking for is exit speed," Earwood said. "How soon can you get your front tires straight and begin accelerating?"

The two dozen drivers managed to end the day without any incidents. No Fiats were harmed.

I came away impressed by the Spider's handling and the pure fun of driving it at speed.

Perhaps the most surprising thing about the 124 Spider is the price. The car is sold in three trim levels. The Classica starts at \$26,290. The Lusso lists at \$28,890. But the Abarth begins just a little higher, at \$29,590.

(The automatic transmission model adds \$1,350 to that. The Brembo performance braking system tacks on \$1,495 more.)

Customers seem to be responding to the sporty feel. Fiat said about 40 percent of 124s sold in the U.S. are Abarth models. Although the "take rate" on manual transmissions on all Fiats sold in the U.S. is about 30 percent, more than half of Abarth 124s sold have stick shifts — suggesting they are being bought by people who want a more dynamic, engaged driving experience.

FCA encourages that. The company offers a free day of Bondurant Racing School with every Abarth vehicle sold.

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OPINION

Next presidential horse race has begun

By DAVID VON DREHLE

The Washington Post

Now and then, I am reminded just how far from the swing of things I am. I was the last person to try paleo. I've never planked or lugged, to my knowledge. Last year, I got the feeling I was the only American without a podcast. This year, I'm the only one not running for president.

That's my takeaway from reading the experts, who greeted the merciful end of the 2018 midterm elections by rolling out previews of 2020.

Anyway, Politico's roster of hopefuls and possibilities for the Democratic nomination numbered an even 40, including 10 U.S. senators, seven House members, seven current or former governors, assorted billionaires, a smattering of mayors, the inevitable Kennedy, dreary John Kerry and a movie star, Aaron Blake, of The Washington Post, took a more narrow view, ranking only the top 15 prospects — though he threw in 14 "honorable mentions" and listed another five formerly ranked contenders, several of whom remain viable to other prognosticators. McClatchy's Washington Bureau reported on some 30 candidates, ranging from toe-dippers to retiring Rep. John Delaney, of Maryland, who declared his candidacy back in 2017 and has already spent more than \$1.5 million on TV ads in Iowa.

These lists are striking not only for their multitudes but also for the glaring lack of a front-runner. A USA Today poll in October crowned former Vice President Joe Biden the kingpin. But I then read Slate's Jamelle Bouie explaining that the nod can't go to a pale male, and touting freshman Sen. Kamala Harris, of California, for the lead role. Pollster Mark Penn co-authored a column in The Wall Street Journal promising another bid by eternal front-runner Hillary Clinton, while Vox's Matthew Yglesias has touted Clinton's blustery 2016 nemesis, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. By definition, multiple front-runners means no front-



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Slate columnist Jamelle Bouie is hoping Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., above, runs for president in 2020.

runner at all.

The axiom that parties define themselves through the process of choosing a candidate has never been more true. Democratic identity is up for grabs; it will be decided through this melee and not behind closed doors thanks to the neutering of the "superdelegates." Is this the party of working stiffs or the party of Harvard and Apple? Is it a party of the left or a centrist party? Is it the party for women and minorities, or do white guys still hold some sway? Such questions will be the undercurrents of the race — indeed, they are already swirling in the competition to lead the party as speaker of the House.

When everyone's a candidate but no one is the favorite, conditions are ripe for a long, strange campaign. I'm reminded of the Republican Party's predicament four years ago, when their sprawling field of 16 other candidates — ranging from business executive Carly Fiorina to brain surgeon Ben Carson to Bush 3 (Jeb) — were all swept away by an undersea earthquake and spray-tanned tsunami named Donald Trump.

GOP has to bridge the class divide in 2020

By RAMESH PONNURU

Bloomberg Opinion

Disappointed after the midterm elections, Republicans are trying to decide which voters should be the party's top priority.

In recent elections they have been losing votes from white college graduates, often in the suburbs, while gaining votes from whites without college degrees. Should Republicans go further down the road of working-class populism, perhaps trying to expand their appeal beyond white voters? Or should they try to reverse their losses among suburban moderates?

Eric Cantor, a Republican and former House majority leader, puts his emphasis on winning back the college-educated voters, especially women, who have recently defected. He recommends that his party push to make paid maternity leave more available and child care more affordable to appeal to these voters.

The conservative political analysts Henry Olsen and Reihan Salam, however, argue that Republicans would be better off trying to win on their terms: appeal to working-class voters, especially those who went from supporting Barack Obama in 2012 to supporting Donald Trump in 2016, via policies such as wage subsidies and immigration control. These voters have not all shifted to the GOP in down-ballot races. Whether they will stay Republican in 2020, or when Trump is no longer on the ballot, is

an open question.

Olsen and Salam both say, however, that the party would ideally win over more voters of both types. It's that point I'll emphasize here: Republicans should not think of this strategic choice as a stark one.

It may, for one thing, be possible to promote policies that make Republicans more appealing to both groups. Cantor pitches his ideas for helping parents as a way to regain the support of suburban moderates. But paid leave may be even more appealing to working-class voters.

A Republican pitch to the working class that addresses this kind of economic concern might also allow the party to pull back a little from the "we're-real-Americans-and-you're-not" cultural messaging that alienates many college-educated voters.

Parties that are on the upswing typically make gains that are diffused, albeit unevenly, among many demographic groups. After Mitt Romney lost the presidential election in 2012, many Republicans concluded that to win the next time they would have to do markedly better among Hispanics, getting 40 percent of their votes. Others wondered whether Republicans could win just by boosting their share of the white vote.

Republicans didn't come close to getting 40 percent of Hispanics in 2016. But they slightly improved their percentage of the two-party vote among Hispanics — and among whites, Asians and blacks. Those

Many among the 16 were plausible presidents. Many of them had viable strategies and adequate finances. But none could build a lead strong enough to fend off the Trump surge. His share of the early polls, derived largely from his reality TV fans, was a modest 20 percent or so. But with so many challengers splintering the vote, that was enough to sustain him as he washed away one competitor after another.

Result: The GOP is now the party of Trump. He was hardly even a Republican! The formerly conservative party now belongs to a radical; the free trade party now embraces tariffs; the preachers of fiscal discipline are now running trillion-dollar deficits.

With a phone book full of Democrats getting into the early primaries, the risk is real that something similar could happen to them. Despite their plausible plans, a self-funder with star power could enter the crowded race and begin moving down the competition one by one. Maybe it's some one as appealing as Oprah Winfrey — but maybe it's someone as abrasive as Trump. The point is, the party's destiny, its identity, could be wrested from the people who have devoted their lives to the Democratic brand.

Party elders, leading donors, union bosses and influential pundits used to mark out the playing field and select the rosters for Democratic primary seasons — much as Chambers of Commerce and the Southern Baptist Convention helped to order the old GOP. But social media and online fund-raising have smashed those cartels, perhaps forever.

And after the recent victories by a lightly experienced senator, Barack Obama, and the unconventional egotist Trump, the presidential mold is thoroughly broken. So go ahead and run if you've half a mind to. There's no one left to stop you from trying.

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gains, and their geographic distribution, were enough to deliver them the White House.

If Republicans do better in 2020 than they did this fall, it will probably be because they improve their performance a bit among both Romney-Clinton and Obama-Trump voters (although if I had to bet, I would expect a bit more improvement in the second group). If Republicans don't improve on both fronts, however, they are unlikely to win a governing majority.

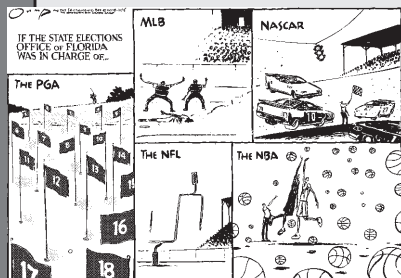
A coalition that includes the suburban defectors, the new populists and traditional conservatives would require constant tending by Republican leaders in the best of circumstances. Whether the party's current leadership is suited to building and maintaining it is also, at best, an open question.

Which brings us to another reason Republicans should not put too much of their mental energy in figuring out how to target voters with or without college degrees. Whatever individual Republicans want, the party's strategy over at least the next two years will largely consist of whatever the president chooses to do and whatever set of choices is going to be guided more by who he is and what he wants than by any grand theory of the electorate.

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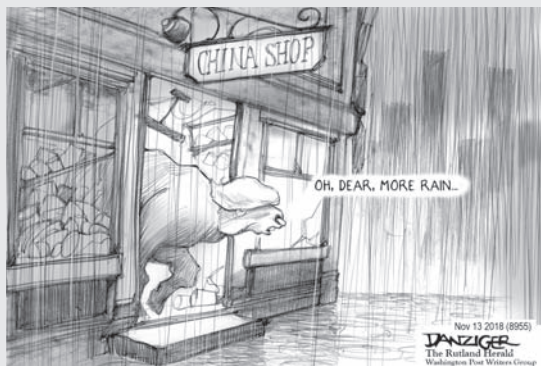
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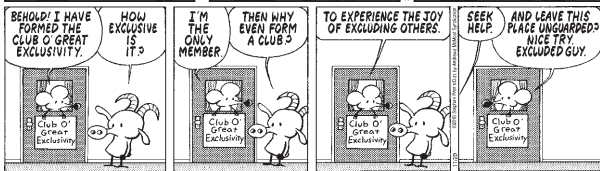
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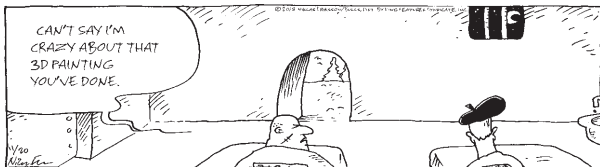
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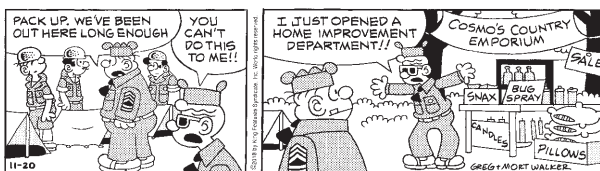
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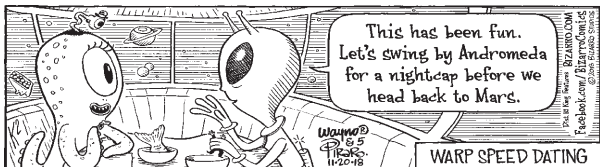
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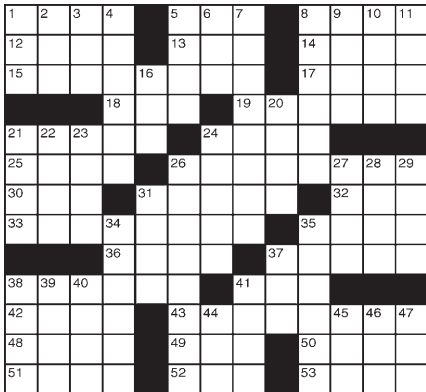
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Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L
Tampa Bay	20	14	5	1	29	74	51		
Toronto	20	14	6	0	28	70	51		
Calgary	20	12	6	2	26	60	58		
Boston	20	11	6	3	25	58	49		
Montreal	20	10	7	3	25	66	58		
Ottawa	20	9	8	3	21	70	81		
Detroit	20	9	9	2	20	57	65		
Florida	17	7	7	1	17	54	57		

Metropolitan Division

Columbus	20	12	6	2	26	69	63
N.Y. Islanders	19	10	7	2	22	63	55
N.Y. Rangers	20	10	8	2	22	61	64
Washington	19	9	7	3	21	63	63
Carolina	20	9	8	3	21	53	59
Philadelphia	20	9	9	2	20	63	71
New Jersey	19	8	9	2	18	55	61
Pittsburgh	18	7	8	3	17	60	61

Western Conference

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L
Nashville	20	14	5	1	29	67	47		
Minnesota	20	13	6	1	26	65	57		
Winnipeg	18	11	5	2	24	55	45		
Dallas	20	11	7	2	24	58	52		
Colorado	20	10	6	2	24	71	59		
Chicago	21	8	8	5	21	56	70		
St. Louis	18	7	8	3	17	56	57		

Pacific Division

Pacific Division							
San Jose	21	11	7	3	25	68	64
Calgary	20	11	8	1	23	62	61
Vancouver	22	10	10	2	22	67	78
Anaheim	22	8	9	5	21	48	65
Arizona	19	9	9	1	19	49	48
Edmonton	20	9	10	1	19	57	66
Vegas	21	9	11	1	19	56	61
Los Angeles	19	6	12	1	13	39	61

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Saturday's games

Tampa Bay 6, Philadelphia 5, OT	
Minnesota 3, New Jersey 2, OT	
Buffalo 3, Minnesota 2, 1	
Ottawa 6, Pittsburgh 4	
Montreal 3, Vancouver 2	
Columbus 4, Carolina 1	
Rangers 4, Florida 2	
Boston 2, Arizona 1	
Nashville 5, Los Angeles 3	
Calgary 4, Edmonton 2	
San Jose 4, St. Louis 0	

Sunday's games

Dallas 6, N.Y. Islanders 2	
Carolina 2, New Jersey 1, OT	
Chicago 3, Minnesota 1	
Vegas 6, Edmonton 3	
Colorado 4, Anaheim 3, OT	

Monday's games

Dallas at N.Y. Rangers	
Columbus at Toronto	
Buffalo at Pittsburgh	
Washington at Montreal	
Florida at Ottawa	
Tampa Bay at Nashville	
Los Angeles at St. Louis	
Vegas at Calgary	
Winnipeg at Vancouver	

Tuesday's game

Edmonton at San Jose	
Wednesday's games	
Toronto at Carolina	
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers	
Dallas at Pittsburgh	
Chicago at Washington	
Montreal at New Jersey	
Florida at Tampa Bay	
Philadelphia at Buffalo	
Detroit at Detroit	
Ottawa at Minnesota	
St. Louis at Nashville	
Vegas at Arizona	
Edmonton at Calgary	
Vancouver at Anaheim	
Colorado at Los Angeles	

Sunday

Golden Knights 6, Oilers 3

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	1	3	2	6		
Edmonton	2	0	1	3		
First Period— 1, Edmonton, 2-0 (McDavid 12:02, Benning 15:52, 2, Vegas, Karlsson 5 (Smith, Thorpe), 12:57, 3, Edmonton, Chasson 8 (Nugent-Hopkins, Drazenovic), 1:53 (pp).)						

Second Period— 4, Vegas, Eakin 8, 2:21 (sh), 5, Vegas, Pacioretty 3 (Tuch, Thomas), 2:53, 6, Vegas, Marchessault 9 (Miller, Smith), 4:33 (pp).						
Third Period— 4, Vegas, Marchessault 10 (Karlsson, Miller), 0:34, 8, Vegas, Smith 4 (Marchessault, Miller), 3:04, 9, Edmonton, Drazenovic 12 (Carvalho), 3:44.						

Shots on Goal— Vegas 6-12-13-31 (21 shots-29 saves). Edmonton, 14-13-10-22 (31 shots-29 saves).						
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Power-play opportunities— Vegas 1-1 of 2 (Goalties—Vegas, Fleury 9-8-1 (32 shots-29 saves). Edmonton, Talbot 5-8-1 (31 shots-29 saves)).						
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A—18,373 (18,641). T—2:31.						
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Blackhawks 3, Wild 1

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	4	0	1	0-1		
Chicago	2	0	1	0-3		

First Period— 1, Chicago, Toews 10 (Kane, Johansson), 8:26 (pp), 2, Chicago, Saad 6 (Forsling, Fortin), 12:29.						
Second Period— 3, Minnesota, Parise 9 (Dumba, Koivu), 7:56 (pp).						

Third Period— 1, Minnesota 11-15-14-40, Chicago 16-7-5-28.						
Shots on Goal— Minnesota 11-15-14-40 (39 shots-31 saves). Chicago, Crawford 1-0-1 (40 shots-31 saves).						

A—18,373 (19,171). T—2:32.						
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Avalanche 4, Ducks 3

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	0	2	1	1-4		
Anaheim	1	2	0	0-3		

First Period— 1, Anaheim, Montour 2 (Aberg, Ritchie), 4:45.						
Second Period— 2, Colorado, Andrieghetto 2 (Kamenev, Nemeth), 2:17, 3, Anaheim, Getzlaf 5 (Montour, Henrique), 2:23 (pp), 4, Anaheim, Kessel 1 (Montour, Getzlaf), 4:34, 5, Colorado, MacKinnon 13 (Barrie, Rantanen), 18:05 (pp).						

Third Period— 6, Colorado, MacKinnon 14 (Johnson, Rantanen), 11:20.						
Overtime— 7, Colorado, Rantanen 8 (MacKinnon, Landeskog), 4:58 (pp).						

Shots on Goal— Colorado 11-17-13-33.						
Anaheim 9-12-9-33.						

Power-play opportunities— Colorado 2 of 2, Anaheim 1 of 3.						
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Goalties— Colorado, Grubauer 3-1-2 (33 shots-30 saves). Anaheim, Miller 2-2-0 (42-38).						
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A—11,211 (18,680). T—2:30.						
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Hurricanes 2, Devils 1

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	1	0	0-1			
Carolina	2	0	0-2			

First Period— 1, Carolina, Williams 2 (Staal, McGinn), 0:22, 2, Carolina, Ferland 10 (Hamilton, Teravainen), 0:30, 3, New Jersey, Zacha 2 (Bratt), 6:33.						
Shots on Goal— New Jersey 16-11-7-34, Carolina 13-5-7-25.						

Power-play opportunities— New Jersey 0 of 3, Carolina 0 of 3.						
Goalties— New Jersey, Schneider 0-0-0 (25 shots-23 saves). Carolina, McElhinney 4-2-0 (34-33).						

A—11,211 (18,680). T—2:30.						
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Stars 3, Islanders 2

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	0	4	2-6			
N.Y. Islanders	1	0	1-2			

First Period— 1, N.Y. Islanders, Beaulieu 5 (Pulock, Komarov), 3:36.						
Second Period— 2, Dallas, Lindell 2 (Sequin, Benn), 2:09, 3, Dallas, Hintz 1 (Spezzzo), 4:40, 4, Dallas, Lindell 3 (Dickinson, Honka), 7:06, 5, Dallas, Sequin 6 (Benn, Radulov), 14:07.						

Third Period— 6, N.Y. Islanders, Mayfield 3 (Barzal), 0:24, 7, Dallas, Radulov 7 (Bayreuther, Spezzzo), 7:36, 8, Dallas, Radulov 8 (Benn, Sequin), 9:16.						
Shots on Goal— Dallas 13-11-9-33, N.Y. Islanders 15-15-11-38.						

Power-play opportunities— Dallas 0 of 3; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 2.						
Goalties— Dallas, Bishop 8-5-1 (39 shots-37 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Greiss 6-3-1 (18-16), Lehner 4-4-1 (14-11).						

A—10,650 (15,795). T—2:26.						
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Leaders

Scoring

GP	G	A	Pts
Mikko Rantanen, COL	20	24	32
Nathan MacKinnon, COL	20	13	29
Connor McDavid, EDM	20	12	26
Patrice Bergeron, BOS	19	9	17
Mitchell Marner, TOR	20	6	20
David Pastrnak, BOS	20	8	25
Patrick Kane, CHI	20	12	25
Morgan Rielly, TOR	20	9	16
Evan Malkin, PIT	18	18	25
Brayden Point, TB	20	10	24
Max Domi, MKN	20	10	24
Clayton Kershaw, OTT	20	8	16
David Groulx, PHI	20	7	17
Blake Wheeler, WPG	18	21	24



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The Golden Knights' Ryan

Reaves, right, and the Oilers'

Kyle Brodziak, left, battle in the

corner during first period action

on Sunday in Edmonton, Alberta.

Vegas won 6-3.



JAE C. HONG/AP

The Avalanche's Gabriel Landeskog, second from left, celebrates a goal by Mikko Rantanen in overtime Sunday against the Ducks in Anaheim, Calif. The Avalanche won 4-3.

Roundup

Rantanen lifts Avs in OT

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — A few ticks left on the clock and here Mikko Rantanen needed to make a winner of the Colorado Avalanche.

Rantanen's power-play slap shot with 1.3 seconds remaining in overtime gave the Avalanche a 4-3 victory Sunday over the slumping Anaheim Ducks.

Colorado overcame a 3-1 deficit to hand the Ducks their 12th loss in 15 games. Rantanen added two assists to his eighth goal of the season, increasing his NHL-leading total to 32 points.

He's a highly competitive individual player," Colorado coach Jared Bednar said. "He wants to be on the ice all the time."

Nathan MacKinnon had a goal and two assists, and Philipp Grubauer stopped 30 shots for the Avalanche.

"He made some really big saves," Rantanen said. "One breakaway save, I think that was the highlight. He kept it a 3-2 game. It was a really good game from him. He made some big saves in the OT, too."

Sven Andrieghetto and Gabriel Landeskog scored the other Colorado goals.

Brandon Montour, Ryan Getzlaf and Ondrej Kase scored for Anaheim. Backup goalie Ryan Miller made 38 saves.

Landeskog tied it 3-3 at 11:20 of the third period, taking a nice feed from behind the net.

"We kind of felt like we had more to give going into the third period," Bednar said. "We come up with a big power-play goal at the end of the second to get within striking distance, then came out and won the third."

The injury-riddled Ducks played with four rookie defenders and had to use Miller when normal starter John Gibson came down with the flu. They called up three players from their development team in San Diego before the game.

"We have all the confidence in the world with guys coming up," Montour said. "They're getting their experience. It's good for us."

The Avalanche, meanwhile, have won three of their first line of Rantanen, MacKinnon and Landeskog is the top-scoring line in the NHL and it began to dominate from the third period on.

Pontus Aberg was penalized for slashing MacKinnon with 15 seconds on the clock in overtime, and Rantanen wasted little time making the man-advantage count.

"You just kind of had the feeling with some of the chances that they started to create that they'd be difference-makers," Bednar said. "And then they end up getting a couple goals for us, a couple big goals for us."

The Ducks led 3-2 after a high-scoring second period.

Blackhawks 3, Wild 1: Jonathan Toews and Brandon Saad scored first-period goals, Corey Crawford made 39 saves and host Chicago held on for the win.

Dominik Kahnun added an empty-netter with 58.5 second left as the Blackhawks improved to 2-2-2 under coach Jeremy Collins, who replaced Joel Quenneville on Nov. 6. Patrick Kane had two assists for Chicago, 2-0-1 in its last three games.

Hurricanes 2, Devils 1: Justin Williams and Michael Ferland scored in the game's first 30 seconds and host Carolina held on for the victory.

Curtis McElhinney made 33 saves for Carolina.

Stars 6, Islanders 2: Esa Lindell scored twice during Dallas' four-goal second period and the visiting Stars won their second straight game.

Golden Knights 6, Oilers 3: Jonathan Marchessault had two goals and an assist to help Vegas beat host Edmonton.

William Karlsson, Cody Eakin, Max Pacioretty and Reilly Smith also scored, Smith tacked on two assists and Colin Miller had three. The Golden Knights have won two of their last three to improve to 9-11-1.

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Technical—Ingram, Miami coach Heat (Defensive three second), Richardson, Miami coach Erik Spoelstra, Jones Jr.

AUTO RACING

Farewell bash for Truex turns into pity party

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Martin Truex Jr. badly wanted to end Furniture Row's existence with a second straight championship. He came up one spot short in NASCAR's season finale to spoil the farewell.

Truex was in prime position to repeat his Cup Series title at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Sunday until a late caution ruined the night and left Truex wondering what might have been.

His planned goodbye bash turned into a pity party.



Truex Jr.

"No question we had the car to beat," Truex said. "But if you don't lead the last lap, it doesn't matter what you got. We fought hard. We played the right strategy. We were off a little in the daytime, just like last year. We kept getting it better and better and better. On the long run, man, the thing was nasty. We killed them. That was cool, but it didn't come down to that tonight."

Truex took the lead by passing fellow contender Kyle Busch on a restart after a final round of pit stops. He thought he had the fastest car and would drive away in his Toyota, but Joey Logano passed him three laps later and pulled away for the victory.

It was Logano who moved Truex out of his way in the final turn at Martinsville Speedway last month to earn his spot in the final four. Truex jeered Logano after the aggressive pass at Martinsville and promised to prevent Logano from winning the title.

Truex could have retaliated and wrecked Logano as Logano made the winning pass Sunday, but Truex instead took the high road.

"He was so much faster than me at that point," Truex said. "If I would have hit him, he would have just hit me back and went on. It was moot point. I needed to be faster. It wasn't even close at that point in the race. Hell, he passed me so fast I didn't even have a chance to do anything."

Truex felt even more disappointment when he returned to the pits and his Furniture Row Racing crew. The one-car team based in Denver is closing its doors after a 14-year run in which it morphed from an underfunded also-ran to a NASCAR champion last season.

Truex wanted to deliver the ultimate parting gift with a second series championship in as many years.

"It sucks," he said. "Yeah, it sucks. It sucks. It hurts. It's terrible. I hate it. I wish we could go on and race 10 more years together, but we can't."

Truex and FRR accomplished what no other single-car team has done in the current championship format. They went head-to-head and beat the heavyweight teams owned by Rick Hendrick, Roger Penske and Tony Stewart. They forged a hairy relationship born out of necessity, and it soon turned into a fruitful partnership.

But once 5-hour Energy, which plans to leave NASCAR at the end of the season, pulled its funding and no sponsorship could be secured, owner Barney Visser pulled the plug on the organization.

"To go from a two-race winner to a 19-race winner, a championship, fourth in points, a second in points, it's just been amazing," Truex said later. "Everything about it has been great. Everything about it has been the best thing I've ever been a part of. You know, I feel good about my future and going to a great place, and I know we'll have more success. But it's going to be different. It's going to be a different team, a different cast of characters. These guys were a special group, and I'm very thankful to get to work with all of them."

Truex, Pearson and a few crew guys will stay together as they move to Joe Gibbs Racing



TERRY RENNA/AP

Joey Logano waves his steering wheel as confetti flies Sunday after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Championship race at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla.

Long wait over for Logano

Driver spoils Big Three's Cup hopes to claim first NASCAR title

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Joey Logano was the underdog in NASCAR's title race, the driver few thought capable of keeping pace with the Big Three and stealing the title from one of the favorites.

Logano proved everyone wrong with an upset victory in a season in which he only became a true contender once his Team Penske group started the postseason. He blazed his way through the play-offs and closed out his improbable run Sunday with a win at Homestead-Miami Speedway that seized his first NASCAR title.

"It's been so hard and such a long road to get here and been so close and had that feeling of defeat, and man, it stings," Logano said. "But I felt so confident going into this week that we were the car to beat. My race team, I wasn't worried about them at all, and I knew I just had to do my job and everything was going to be their job and everything was going to be fine."

Logano, nicknamed "Sliced Bread" before his NASCAR debut at age 18 because he was predicted to be "the best thing since ...," soundly defeated Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick and reigning series champion Martin Truex Jr. in a finale Logano had dubbed "the Big Three and me."

He won the title with two victories and eight top-10 finishes in the postseason. At Homestead, where it was winner-take-all, Logano led a race-high 80 laps but needed a late caution for one final shot to win the race. It came when teammate Brad Keselowski spun Busch teammate Daniel Suarez for a race-changing

caution.

Logano was fourth on the restart with 15 laps remaining but powered his way alongside leader Truex, used a strong move in the outside lane three laps later to take over the top spot. Logano pulled away from there and won for Penske.

"We were the favorite. We executed down the stretch like nobody's business," Logano said. "I knew we had a short-run car. I said it before the race started that if it was anything longer than 25 laps we were going to be in trouble. That showed all day. But it came down to the short run and we are champions. NASCAR champions."

Logano won the title in his 10th season at NASCAR's top level and is the first driver from Connecticut to win a championship.

Logano capped a banner year for Roger Penske, who also was elected into the NASCAR Hall of Fame, won the Indianapolis 500 for a record 17th time and celebrated Team Penske's 500th victory.

Team Penske also has been the cornerstone for Ford the last six seasons, and Logano gave the manufacturer its first Cup title since 2004.

The Big Three won 20 of 36 races in 2017. Harvick (23), Busch (22) and Truex (20) also are the first trio of drivers to have 20-plus top-fives in a season since Cale Yarborough, Richard Petty and Benny Parsons in 1997.

Here are some other items of note from Sunday's championship race:

One for the road: Jimmie Johnson hugged it out with crew chief Chad Knaus and toasted with beers to the end of their 17-year professional relationship. Johnson and Knaus are parting ways after



TERRY RENNA/AP

Jimmie Johnson, left, gets into his car before Sunday's championship race in Homestead, Fla. At right is crew chief Chad Knaus.

seven NASCAR championships.

They couldn't grasp greatness one final time, finishing 14th in the finale and going winless in a season for the first time in his Cup career.

"He is my brother, there is just no way around it," Johnson said.

Johnson hasn't won since Dover in 2017, an unthinkable string of 59 straight losses.

It's the pits: Busch and Harvick combined to win 16 races, lead nearly 3,500 laps and each were considered a heavy favorite to win a second NASCAR championship. They got a big 0 in the win column when they needed it most.

Harvick, dominant in the No. 4 Ford all year, lagged on the speed charts all weekend. The Joe Gibbs Racing' pit crew flubbed two stops for Busch — the blunders cost him six and four spots off pit road — that denied one of NASCAR's biggest career winners a second title.

SPORTS BRIEFS/COLLEGE BASKETBALL



SUE OGORUCHI/AP

Army coach Jeff Monken stands with his team after their loss earlier this season against Oklahoma in Norman, Okla. Army is ranked for the first time since 1996, moving into The Associated Press college football poll at No. 23 on Sunday as it begins preparations to face rival Navy on Dec. 8.

Briefly

Black Knights ranked for 1st time in over 20 years

Associated Press

Army is ranked for the first time since 1996, moving into The Associated Press poll at No. 23 on Sunday as it begins preparations to face rival Navy.

The Black Knights (9-2) have been edging toward the Top 25 in recent weeks, and they finally broke through. The rest of the rankings were mostly unchanged after a weekend with few big games or surprising results.

Led by unanimous No. 1 Alabama, the top six stayed the same as last week. Clemson was No. 2, followed by Notre Dame, Michigan, Georgia and Oklahoma.

Washington State moved up a spot to No. 7 and UCF jumped three spots to No. 8, season highs for both schools. LSU tied Central Florida at No. 8 and Ohio State was 10th.

Also debuting this season in the Top 25 was Pittsburgh at No. 24.

Army being ranked has been a rarity since the early 1960s. From 1963-2017, there have been only two seasons in which the Black Knights appeared in the AP Top 25. In 1985, Army was No. 19 for one week on its way to a 9-3 season. In 1996, Army went 10-2 and was ranked in four of the final five polls of the season. The Cadets finished 25th that season.

Army managed just one winning record from 1997-2015. But under coach Jeff Monken, who took over in 2014, Army has had

three straight winning seasons. The Black Knights head into the Navy game on Dec. 8, looking for a third straight victory against the Midshipmen and a second consecutive 10-win season.

Monken said reaching the Top 25 was not so much the goal for Army as finishing in the Top 25. But you can't do one without the other.

The Cadets have won seven straight since losing in overtime at Oklahoma on Sept. 22.

"The two biggest games of the year are coming up," Monken said Sunday of Navy and a bowl game. "We'd trade any ranking for a win over Navy to be sure. But it's nice to be recognized. And it's nice to see that our guys and how hard they've worked, they've gotten themselves in position where people are taking notice of Army football."

Army and Pitt became the 52nd and 53rd teams to be ranked this season, setting a record for the most ranked teams since the poll expanded to 25 in 1989. The previous high was 51 teams ranked in 2008.

The Panthers, who were 3-4 and 0-3 vs. ranked teams on Oct. 7, are ranked for the first time since Dec. 4, 2016. They have won four straight to capture the Atlantic Coast Conference Coastal Division and earn a trip to the league championship game for the first time.

Rivera, Halladay top newcomers on ballot

NEW YORK — Career saves leader Mariano Rivera and late pitcher Roy Halladay are among 20 new candidates on the Hall of Fame ballot for the Baseball Writers' Association of America, joined by 15 holdovers headed by Edgar Martinez.

Left-hander Andy Pettitte and infielders Todd Helton, Michael Young and Miguel Tejada also are among the newcomers on the ballot announced Monday.

Steroids-tainted stars Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds each appear on the ballot for the seventh time. Clemens rose to 57.3 percent in the 2018 ballot but fell 75 votes short of the 75 percent needed, and Bonds was 79 votes shy at 56.4 percent.

Pelicans expect Payton to miss about 6 weeks

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Pelicans say guard Elfrid Payton is scheduled for surgery to repair a fractured finger on his left hand and that his recovery is expected to take about six weeks.

Payton was injured during last Friday night's victory over the New York Knicks, which was also his first game back in the lineup after sitting out nine contests with a sprained ankle.

Top 25 roundup

Green, No. 10 Kentucky holds off stubborn VMI

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Quade Green came off the bench to score a season-high 17 points, including five in the final 90 seconds, to help No. 10 Kentucky hold off VMI 92-82 on Sunday night.

Leading by 19 midway through the second half, the Wildcats (3-1) had to work to put away the stubborn Keydets, who made 12 second-half three-pointers and got within 85-79 with 1:49 remaining. Green answered with a three-pointer 19 seconds later and Ashton Hagans made a free throw for a 10-point edge.

Tyler Creamer responded with the Keydets' final three to get within 89-82 before Green made two free throws with 33 seconds left. PJ Washington (19 points) made a free throw with 17 seconds left to seal Kentucky's third consecutive win.

Bubba Parham had career highs of 10 three-pointers for 35 points for VMI (3-2).

No. 11 Michigan State 101, Tennessee Tech 33: Nick Ward scored 23 points and Cassius Winston added 19 to lead host Michigan State to a victory against Tennessee Tech, tying the largest margin of victory in program history.

Ward's status for the game was uncertain after missing the final 32 minutes of Wednesday's game against Louisiana-Monroe with a right ankle sprain.

Michigan State (3-1) had a 19-0 run to close first half, and an 11-0 run to open the second half for a 53-14 lead.

Tennessee Tech (0-5) had closed the deficit to 23-14 with a Corey Tillery three-pointer with 7:42 left in the first half until the Spartans' explosion.

Micaiah Henry and Garrett Goiday had six points apiece to lead Tennessee Tech.

No. 12 Kansas State 64, Penn State 48: At St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Dean Wade scored 17 points, and Kansas State overcame an early deficit to beat Penn in the second semifinal at the Paradise Jam tournament.

Kamau Stokes added 16 points and Xavier Sneed had 11 for the Wildcats (4-0), who will face Missouri in Monday night's championship game at the University of the Virgin Islands' Sports and Fitness Center.

Devon Goodman scored 18 points and Michael Wang added 14 for the Quakers (4-1), who led by as many as eight points in the first half.

No. 16 Virginia Tech 89, No. 23 Purdue 83: Nickell Alexander-Walker had 25 points, Ahmed Hill and Justin Robinson had 23 points apiece and Virginia Tech rallied from 12 points down in the second half to beat Purdue in the Charleston Classic championship in Charleston, S.C.

The Hokies (4-0) trailed 50-38 after Ryan Cline's three-pointer with 18:27 left, but wiped out the deficit over the next six



JAMES CRISP/AP

Kentucky's Quade Green competes for a rebound during the first half of Sunday's game in Lexington, Ky. Green scored a season-high 17 points off the bench in the No. 10 Wildcats' 92-82 victory over VMI.

minutes.

After Carsen Edwards tied things at 77-all with a layup with 4:21 to go, Hill hit a driving basket and got fouled to put the Hokies ahead 80-77.

Hill followed with a three-pointer and Purdue (4-1) could not recover.

Edwards finished with 26 points, his fifth straight game with 23 or more, for the Boilermakers.

No. 18 Michigan 66, Providence 47: At Uncasville, Conn., Ignas Brazdeikis scored 20 points to lead Michigan to a victory over Providence and the championship of the Air Force Reserve Tip-Off tournament.

Jon Teske added 17 points for the Wolverines (5-0), who had three straight wins away from home in the past week.

David Duke had 12 points for Providence (3-2), which was held to just 28 percent shooting by a Michigan defense that has given up an average of 47 points per game.

Providence made just two of 18 shots from three-point range.

Michigan, which had 15 three-pointers in its semifinal win on Saturday, was 6-for-18 from three-point range. But the Wolverines outscored the Friars 32-22 in the paint, led by Brazdeikis and Teske, who converted 14 of their 24 shots.

Michigan led 35-22 after closing the first half on a 14-2 run. Consecutive three-pointers from Isaiah Livers pushed the lead to 44-23, and the Wolverines pulled away late.

NFL

Saints deliver worst loss to Super Bowl champs

NEW ORLEANS—Drew Brees grinned, paused as if searching for the right words, and even let out the beginnings of a laugh.

The Saints have made 40-point outtings look routine lately, and the record-setting quarterback is trying to enjoy it without showing a hint of complacency.

"It's a lot of points, but we have a high standard for ourselves," Brees said. "You're still not satisfied because you know you could have done a little bit better—but the end result is good."

Brees passed for 363 yards and four touchdowns, and the Saints won their ninth straight with a 48-7 demolition of Philadelphia on Sunday that marked the Eagles' worst loss by far since they won last season's Super Bowl.

In fact, it was the worst loss by a reigning Super Bowl champion. "I haven't gotten my [butt] kicked like that in a long time," Eagles defensive end Chris Long said.

Brees completed 22 of 30 passes and did not turn over the ball, giving him 25 TD passes this season.

Meanwhile, New Orleans' defense produced a second straight dominant showing after largely stifling Cincinnati the previous week.

Saints 48, Eagles 7

Philadelphia	0	7	0	0	7
New Orleans	10	14	14	10	48

First Quarter
NO—FG Lutz 38, 9:10.
NO—Carr 3 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 3:12.

Second Quarter
NO—Ingram 14 run (Lutz kick), 12:07.
Phi—Adams 38 run (Elliott kick), 8:42.
NO—Smith 15 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), :39.

Third Quarter
NO—Thomas 23 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 11:20.
NO—Ingram 1 run (Lutz kick), 5:34.

Fourth Quarter
NO—Kamara 37 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 12:45.
NO—FG Lutz 19, 6:46.
A—73:02.

Phi	NO
First downs	13 28
Total Net Yards	196 546
Rushes-yards	12-58 37-173
Passing	138 373
Punt Returns	1-(minu) 0 0
Kickoff Returns	4-114 0 0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0 3-0
Comp-Att-Int	19-33-3 23-40-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-18 0-0
Punts	4-39.8 24-9.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0 0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40 8-49
Time of Possession	22:26 37:34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Philadelphia. Adams 7-53, Clement 2-11, Wentz 1-6, Smallwood 1 (minus) 4, Tate 1 (minus) 8, **New Orleans.** Ingram 16-103, Kamara 13-71, Hill 3-4, Line 1 (minus) 1, Bridgewater 1 (minus) 1, Washington 3 (minus) 3.

PASSING—Philadelphia. Wentz 19-33-3, 315.5. **New Orleans.** Brees 22-30-0-363, Hill 2-10-16.

RECEIVING—Philadelphia. Tate 5-48, Jeffery 4-33, Matthews 3-37, Adams 19, Ertz 2-15, Clement 2-44. **New Orleans.** Smith 10-157, Thomas 4-62, Kirkwood 3-33, J.Hill 2-26, Arnold 2-25, Kamara 1-37, Carr 1-3.

Maher helps Cowboys get past Falcons

ATLANTA—Brett Maher got another shot on the final play of the game.

This time, he made it count. Maher's 42-yard field goal as time expired Sunday gave Dallas a 22-19 victory over the Atlanta Falcons after the resurgent Cowboys squandered a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter.

A month ago, Maher clanked a 52-yarder off the left upright that would've forced overtime in a 20-17 loss to Washington. And he had to shake off a missed extra point earlier Sunday that gave the Falcons an opening to tie it up.

"I was confident," Maher said.

Cowboys 22, Falcons 19

Dallas	3	0	3	16	22
Atlanta	0	6	3	10	19

First Quarter
Dal—FG Maher 21, 5:56.

Second Quarter
Atl—FG Prater 41, 14:52.
Dal—FG Maher 45, 5:28.

Third Quarter
Dal—FG Maher 50, 10:15.
Atl—FG Bryant 53, 7:12.

Fourth Quarter
Dal—Prescott 4, 4:47 (kick failed), 14:19.
Atl—Elliott 23 run (Maher kick), 12:26.
Atl—FG Bryant 31, 8:26.

Final Score 22-19. Dallas won by Ryan (Bryant kick), 1:52.
Dal—FG Maher 42, 0:00.

Dal	Atl
First downs	20 26
Total Net Yards	323 354
Rushes-yards	29-132 18-80
Passing	31-210 24-120
Punt Returns	0-3-16 0-3-16
Comp-Att-Int	22-31-0 25-39-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-28 0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-21 24-0
Punts	2-17 3-17
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-44.3 2-31.0
Penalties-Yards	2-20 2-15
Time of Possession	28:03 28:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Dallas. Elliott 22-122, Lewis 1-15, Prescott 4-3, Ryan 1-0, Atlanta. Coleman 8-58, [Smith 6-10, Ridley 1-5].

PASSING—Dallas. Prescott 22-32-0, 208.7. Atlanta, Ryan 7-51, Elliott 7-10, Atlanta. Coleman 8-58, [Smith 6-10, Ridley 1-5].

RECEIVING—Dallas. Elliott 7-79, C.Beasley 5-51, Swain 4-27, Cooper 3-36, R.Sherman 3-36, Gallup 1-10, Atlanta. Jones 6-118, Shan 4-56, Howard 4-27, Ridley 3-32, Coleman 3-27, Paulsen 2-19, [Smith 2-12].



Burke Du/AP

Philadelphia Eagles outside linebacker Nigel Bradham (53) tries to tackle New Orleans Saints running back Alvin Kamara in the first half Sunday in New Orleans. The Saints won 48-7.

Panthers 2-point try fails against Lions

DETROIT—Cam Newton took a shotgun snap and set up in a clean pocket, surveying the field from sideline to sideline. The star quarterback had time and an open receiver in the end zone, giving the Carolina Panthers a chance to convert a go-ahead, 20-19 conversion against the Detroit Lions.

Newton, though, wasted the opportunity by sliding to his left and sailing an off-balance throw behind and over Jarvis Wright.

Instead of earning a comeback win to bolster playoff hopes, Newton's errant pass with 1:07 left allowed Detroit to hold on for a 20-19 win over Carolina.

Lions 20, Panthers 19

Carolina	7	0	0	12	19
Detroit	0	3	3	7	20

First Quarter
Car—Olsen 1 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 9:27.

Second Quarter
Det—Johnson 8 run (Prater kick), 2:36.
Car—FG Prater 45, 5:28.

Third Quarter
Det—FG Prater 54, 3:37.

Fourth Quarter
Car—Samuel 12 pass from Newton (kick failed), 9:23.
Det—Goulding 19 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 5:13.

Final Score 20-19. Detroit won by Newton (pass failed), 1:07.
Car—A-61:09.

First downs	20 26
Total Net Yards	367 309
Rushes-yards	16-48 26-94
Passing	331 215
Punt Returns	1-(minu) 0 0
Kickoff Returns	2-34 2-20
Interceptions Ret.	0-0 3-16
Comp-Att-Int	25-39-1 23-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-26 1-5
Punts	4-6.4 6-4.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0 0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-15 1-10
Time of Possession	28:20 31:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Carolina. Blount 13-53, Newton 2-15, Aiyem 1-1. **Detroit.** Johnson 15-87, Stafford 3-6, Blount 1-1, Ridgeway 1-1.

PASSING—Carolina. Newton 25-37-1, 357. Heikkinen 0-1-0. **Detroit.** Stafford 23-37-1, 150.

RECEIVING—Carolina. Moore 7-157, McCaffrey 6-57, Samuel 5-55, Wright 4-37, Johnson 3-36, Blount 1-1, Detroit. Golladay 8-113, Ellison 6-52, Ridgeway 5-30, Johnson 2-10, Tolotto 1-13, Jones 1-2.

MISSSED FIELD GOALS—Carolina. Gano 34.

Jackson leads Ravens to win in first start

BALTIMORE—Rookie quarterback Lamar Jackson juked and sprinted for 117 yards in his first NFL start, Gus Edwards ran for 115 and the Baltimore Ravens ground out a 24-21 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday. Flashing the moves that enabled him to win the 2016 Heisman Trophy at Louisville, Jackson zipped in and out of the pocket for 27 carries. Though the Ravens (5-5) relied heavily on the run, Jackson also completed 13 of 19 passes for 150 yards with an interception.

Ravens starting quarterback Joe Flacco was inactive with a right hip injury.

Ravens 24, Bengals 21

Cincinnati	0	7	14	0	21
Baltimore	6	8	6	8	24

First Quarter
Bal—Collins 7 run (Tucker kick), 7:31.

Second Quarter
Cin—Mixon 1 run (Bullock kick), 12:57.
Bal—FG Tucker 28, 1:46.
Bal—FG Tucker 56, 0:00.

Third Quarter
Cin—Lengel 4 pass from Dalton (Bullock kick), 11:46.

Fourth Quarter
Bal—Edwards 11 run (Edwards), 1:03.
Bal—FG Tucker 24, 8:12.

Cin	Bal
First downs	15 23
Total Net Yards	255 403
Rushes-yards	16-48 54-265
Passing	207 138
Punt Returns	1-18 2-14
Kickoff Returns	2-35 4-67
Interceptions Ret.	1-22 13-19
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-41.8 4-39.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0 1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-38 1-0
Time of Possession	21:51 38:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Cincinnati. Dalton 9-38, Mixon 12-14, Bernard 2-5, Baltimore. Jackson 27-117, Edwards 17-115, Collins 7-18, Moore 1-18, Montgomery 0-5, Allen 1-2, Brown 1-0.

PASSING—Cincinnati. Dalton 19-36-0, 211. Boyd 0-1-0. **Baltimore.** Jackson 13-19-1, 150.

RECEIVING—Cincinnati. Boyd 4-71, Bernard 4-20, Uzomah 3-41, Mixon 3-38, Ross 2-27, Tate 1-9, Franks 1-5, Lengel 1-4, Baltimore. Snead 5-51, Boyle 4-36, Brown 1-23, Andrews 1-18, Moore 1-14, Crabtree 1-7.

MISSSED FIELD GOALS—Cincinnati. Bullock 52.

Texans stop Redskins for seventh straight win

LANDOVER, Md.—Justin Reid intercepted the ball in the end zone and saw nothing but green grass in front of him.

"I saw the daylight and I have to hit it," Reid said. "I wasn't going to let anyone stop me."

No one's stopping the Houston Texans right now.

Reid's 101-yard interception return touchdown was the big play Houston needed to overcome a mistake-prone Deshaun Watson and beat the Washington Redskins 23-21 on Sunday, tying the franchise record with their seventh consecutive victory.

Texans 23, Redskins 21

Houston	10	7	3	23
Washington	0	7	7	21

First Quarter
Ho—FG Fairbairn 23, 9:52.
Ho—DeHopkins 16 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 3:15.

Second Quarter
Was—Peterson 3 run (Hopkins kick), 14:14.
Ho—Reid 101 interception return (Fairbairn kick), 2:23.

Third Quarter
Was—Reed 9 pass from McCoy (DuHopkins kick), 4:47.
Ho—FG Fairbairn 33, 1:19.

Fourth Quarter
Was—Peterson 7 run (Hopkins kick), 11:57.
Ho—FG Fairbairn 54, 7:30.

Final Score 23-21. Houston won by Watson (pass), 1:59.

Hou	Was
First downs	20 23
Total Net Yards	329 278
Rushes-yards	31-139 29-124
Passing	54-265 48-265
Punt Returns	1-16 0-0
Kickoff Returns	1-18 2-78
Interceptions Ret.	2-109 2-7
Comp-Att-Int	16-24-2 16-24-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-27 1-35
Fumbles-Lost	1-0 3-0
Penalties-Yards	7-40 6-43
Time of Possession	26:40 30:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Houston. Watson 20-86, Blue 8-46, Watson 3-7, Washington. Peterson 16-51, McCoy 5-55, A.Smith 4-33, Marshall 2-5, Blotts 1-0, Quinn 1-0.

PASSING—Houston. Watson 16-24-2, 208. Washington. A.Smith 12-27-2, 155. McCoy 6-12-54.

RECEIVING—Houston. Coutee 5-77, DeHopkins 5-56, Miller 3-22, Akins 2-42, Thomas 1-11, Washington. Reid 7-71, Quinn 4-9, Deaton 3-37, Blotts 2-6, Floyd 1-18, Harris 1-3.

MISSSED FIELD GOALS—Houston. Fairbairn 44, Fairbairn 45, Washington, DuHopkins 63.

American Conference

National Conference						
	East					
Washington	6	4	0	.600	197	198
Dallas	5	5	0	.500	203	190
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	205	231

Philadelphia	7	0	0	.300	205	251
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	215	263
South						
New Orleans	9	1	0	.900	378	239
Carolina	6	4	0	.600	260	252
Atlanta	0	7	0	.000	000	000

Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	263	276
Tampa Bay	3	7	0	.300	267	329
	North					
Chicago	7	3	0	.700	294	195
Minnesota	5	4	1	.550	241	229

Kansas City	9	West	3	300	350	240
L.A. Chargers	7	3	0	700	262	209
San Diego	4	6	0	400	228	235
Oakland	2	8	0	200	170	293

National Conference

Arizona	2	8	0	200	210	210
San Francisco	2	0	0	200	230	266
Thursday's game						
Seattle 27, Green Bay 24						
Sunday's games						
Dallas 22, Atlanta 18						

Dallas 22, Atlanta 19
Indianapolis 38, Tennessee 10
Detroit 20, Carolina 19
N.Y. Giants 38, Tampa Bay 35
Baltimore 24, Cincinnati 21

Baltimore 24, Cincinnati 21
Houston 23, Washington 21
Pittsburgh 20, Jacksonville 16
Oakland 23, Arizona 21
Denver 23, L.A. Chargers 22
New Orleans 40, Philadelphia 7

New Orleans 48, Philadelphia 7
Chicago 25, Minnesota 20
Open: Buffalo, San Francisco, Miami
New England, Cleveland, N.Y. Jets
Monday's game

Thursday's games
Dallas 22, Atlanta 24
San Francisco 24, Tampa Bay 35
Atlanta 23, Washington 21
Pittsburgh 20, Jacksonville 16
Oakland 23, Arizona 24
Denver 23, L.A. Chargers 22
New Orleans 48, Philadelphia 7
Chicago 25, Minnesota 24

Open: Buffalo, San Francisco, Miami, New England at Cincinnati
Monday's game
Kansas City 24, Atlanta 24

Thursday, Nov. 22
Chicago at Detroit
Dallas at Dallas
Atlanta at New Orleans
San Francisco at Tampa Bay
Buffalo at Denver
Miami at Indianapolis
Arizona at L.A. Chargers
Green Bay at Minnesota

Sunday, Nov. 23
Monday, Nov. 26
Tennessee at Houston

NFL

Bears beat Vikings, tighten grip on NFC North

'D' leads Chicago to big division win

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — No doubt about it now, the Bears really are serious about winning the NFC North. Khalil Mack had a sack and fumble recovery, Eddie Jackson returned an interception for a touchdown and Chicago tightened its grip on the division with a 25-20 victory over the second-place Minnesota Vikings on Sunday night.

Mack and Jackson led a dominant effort by the defense, and Chicago (7-3) took a big step toward its first division championship since 2010.

The Bears won their fourth in a row, their longest streak since a six-game run in 2012. Chicago finished 10-6 that year, missed the playoffs and fired coach Lovie Smith after that season.

"You've got to understand the situation, facing a division opponent, knowing we're going to face them twice a year," Mack said. "We've got to make that jump and you [saw] it today. It's knowing what's at stake. Everybody showed up ready to play."

The Monsters of the Midway simply dominated Minnesota on Sunday, taking out the defending division champions after beating three struggling teams — the New York Jets, Buffalo Bills and Detroit Lions.

The Bears also have victories the past two weeks over NFC North opponents after dropping 10 in a row against division foes.

"This isn't about proving, I don't think for us, as much as it is about our guys just learning that they can trust one-another," coach Matt Nagy said. "When you stick together through the highs and the lows and you work as hard as our guys do together and you listen to the coaches and the coaches listen to the players — there's a collaboration — you



NAM Y. HUN/AP

Bears outside linebacker Khalil Mack, bottom, recovers a fumble during the first half of Sunday's game against the Minnesota Vikings in Chicago. The Bears won 25-20.

then get a chance to be in a situation like this tonight, to play in front of the whole world."

Chicago suffocated the Vikings (5-4-1), with big advantages in total yards (308-268) and time of possession (34:29-25:31) even though quarterback Mitchell Trubisky had his difficulties.

"They're a good defense, but a lot of times we hurt ourselves," Vikings receiver Adam Thielen said.

The Bears were leading by eight midway through the fourth quarter when Jackson picked off a pass from Kirk Cousins that was intended for Laquan Treadwell.

His 27-yard TD return and a 2-point conversion pass from Trubisky to Adam Shaheen made it 22-6.

Cousins then threw a 13-yard TD to Aldrick Robinson and a 2-point conversion to Adam Thielen, making it 22-14. But Cody Parkey kicked to 48-yard field goal with 2:48 left. And the Bears hung on from there.

Trubisky was 20-for-31 for 165 yards and a touchdown. But he was intercepted two times by Anthony Harris.

Parkey shook off a performance unlike any other by making all three of his field goal attempts.

It was a big improvement over the previous week, when he hit upshots four times while missing two field goals and two extra points against Detroit.

"We all believed in him in the locker room," Trubisky said. "There was never a doubt. ... I'm happy for Cody. He was big time tonight. He delivered for his team and put some points on the board when we needed them. They were crucial and he did a heck of a job."

Cousins was consistently under pressure and finished 30-for-46 for 262 yards. He threw two touchdowns in the final 4:51 and

Bears 25, Vikings 20
Minnesota 0 0 3 17-20
Chicago 3 11 0 11-25

Chi — FG Parkey 33, 5:58.

Chi — Miller 18 pass from Trubisky (Belamy pass from Trubisky), 6:00.

Chi — FG Parkey 41, :50.

Third Quarter

Min — FG Bailey 36, 9:07.

Fourth Quarter

Chi — Jackson 27 interception return

(Shaheen pass from Trubisky), 8:30.

Min — Aid Robinson 3 pass from Cousins

(Thielen pass from Cousins), 4:51.

Chi — FG Parkey 48, 2:48.

Min — Diggs 5 pass from Cousins (pass

failed), :56.

A — 0:01.

First downs Min 19 Chi 24

Total Net Yards 268 308

Rushes-yards 14-22 39-18

Passing 246 160

Punt Returns 1-10 1-11

Kickoff Returns 2-57 2-42

Interceptions Ret. 2-33 2-53

Comp-Att-Int 30-46-2 20-31-2

Sacked-Yards Lost 2-16 1-5

Punts 4-44.5 2-35.5

Fumbles-Lost 1-1 1-1

Penalties-Yards 4-50 5-46

Time of Possession 25:31 34:29

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Minnesota Cook 9-12,

Cousins 1-5, Murray 4-5, Chicago, Howard

18-63, Trubisky 10-43, Cohen 7-27,

Gabriel 2-17, Miller 1-(minus 1), Mizell

1-(minus 1).

PASSING—Minnesota Cousins 30-46-

262, Chicago, Trubisky 20-31-2-165.

RECEIVING—Minnesota Diggs 13-126,

Thielen 7-66, Cook 3-(minus 2), Aid Rob-

inson 2-34, Rudolph 1-13, Geete 1-18,

Abdullah 1-10, Treadwell 1-7, Chicago,

Gabriel 7-52, Aid Robinson 3-39, Cohen 3-

23, Miller 2-25, Bellamy 2-11, T.Burton 1-9,

Braunacker 1-4, Howard 1-2.

got intercepted two times.

Stefon Diggs had 13 catches for 126 yards and a TD. But the Vikings came up short after winning four of five.

Early lead: Parkey nailed a 33-yard field goal down the middle on Chicago's first possession, drawing a loud and maybe sarcastic roar from the crowd. It was a promising start for a kicker lampooned by Jimmy Fallon on "The Tonight Show." Chicago TV stations even sent helicopters to shoot footage when he practiced at Soldier Field on Wednesday.

Mack gave the crowd more to cheer near the end of the first quarter when he jarred the ball from Dalvin Cook and recovered at the Chicago 15, stopping a scoring threat.

Rematch: The Bears and Vikings face off again on Dec. 30 at Minnesota.

Injury: Smith's broken leg reminiscent of fracture that ended Theismann's career

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FedEx Field on Sunday and turned away so he wouldn't have to see the unnatural way in which current Redskins QB Smith's tibia and fibula twisted as they were fractured under the weight of Texans defenders J.J. Watt and Kareem Jackson.

"It was horrible," Theismann said in a telephone interview. "My heart went out to him. I feel so bad for him."

Washington center Chase Roulier had an even more up-close-and-personal view when Smith was sacked and offered a little insight into what life as an NFL player is like.

They all know, naturally, that at any moment, it could be them down on the turf, covering their face with their hands before being driven away on a cart.

"You say your prayers while it's happening," Roulier said, "and you've got to get ready for the next play."

Said Redskins coach Jay Gruden: "These things happen in pro football, unfortunately. Just hate to see them happen with a guy like Alex."

Smith was not, of course, the only player hurt in this game, which ended with AFC South-leading Houston holding on for a 23-21 victory, their seventh win in a row after an 0-3 start.

Nor, unsurprisingly, was he the only starting quarterback hurt during a sack on this day: Marcus Mariota left the Tennessee Titans' 38-10 loss to the Indianapolis Colts with an injured right elbow.

The league likes to tout all of the offensive records broken in this offense-rules age. The broken bones? Less so.

"We know we play a violent sport," said Colt McCoy, who replaced Smith and will make his first start since 2014 when Washington plays at the Dallas Cowboys on Thanksgiving Day. "You just never want to see that happen."



MARK TENALL/AP

Houston strong safety Kareem Jackson reaches for Washington Redskins quarterback Alex Smith as he leaves the field after being injured Sunday. The Texans won 23-21.

NFL

Roethlisberger rallies Steelers past Jaguars

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Ben Roethlisberger threw two interceptions on his first 12 passes. The Pittsburgh Steelers failed to score in the first half for the first time in more than two years, and they still trailed by 10 approaching the 2-minute warning.

So when Big Ben muscled his way over the goal line with 5 seconds left for a 20-16 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars, he wasn't sure where to rank this comeback.

"Horrible games that you find a way to win? Pretty special," he said.

One week after Roethlisberger had a perfect quarterback rating, he overcame three interceptions and a 16-0 deficit by leading touchdown drives on the Steelers' last two possessions, and Pittsburgh escaped with its sixth straight victory.

"Really, really awesome fight," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "The bottom line in our business is winning, and we took care of business. Style points were quite ugly, or few, but we got the job done."

Roethlisberger hit Antonio Brown on a 78-yard touchdown to get on the board, found JuJu Smith-Schuster on a pair of shoulder fades down the sidelines and took care of the final score on his own. The Steelers had one timeout for the 1 when Roethlisberger rolled to his right and barely got the ball across.

"I don't know what option I am, but it's way down the list," he said. "You just find a way."

The Steelers (7-2-1) likely ended any playoff hopes for Jacksonville (3-7), which beat them twice last year, including the divisional playoffs. The Jaguars, who controlled the game until the last five minutes, now have dropped six in a row.

Jacksonville ran only 11 plays in the fourth quarter for minus-7 yards, including three of their six sacks of Blake Bortles

Steelers 20, Jaguars 16

Pittsburgh	0	0	6	14	20
Jacksonville	0	7	0	10	16
Jac-FG Lambo 48					
Jac-FG Lambo 38:34					
Jac-FG Lambo 43:37					
Third Quarter					
Jac-Fournette 2 run (Lambo kick), 2:29					
Pit—Antonio Brown 78 pass from Roethlisberger (pass interference), 11:17					
Fourth Quarter					
Pit—McDonald 11 pass from Roethlisberger (Bortles sacked), 7:28					
Pit—Roethlisberger 1 run (Boswell kick), 6:41					
Pit—A-57.683.					

Pittsburgh	PJH	15	15
Jacksonville	PJH	13	243
First downs	19	15	23
Total Net Yards	139	263	287
Rushing	43-179	118-258	139-263
Passing	297-64	64-19	0-365
Punt Returns	2-44	2-36	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-44	2-36	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	10-18-0	0-0	0-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-17	6-40	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-6-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	15-11-11	11-11	0-0
Time of Possession	22:20	37:40	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Pittsburgh: Connor 9-25, Roethlisberger 2-1, Jacksonville, Fournette 28-95, Hyde 8-44, Yeldon 5-23, Bortles 1-1.
PASSING—Pittsburgh: Roethlisberger 27-43, Jackson, Bortles 10-18-0.
RECEIVING—Pittsburgh: Smith-Schuster 8-104, Connor 6-24, Antonio Brown 5-117, Switzer 3-26, McDonald 3-27, Washington 1-1, Grimble 1-3, Jacksonville, Fournette 2-46, Westbrook 2-19, Clark 2-15, Yeldon 2-29, Moncrief 1-1, O'Shaughnessy 1-4.



Steelers tight end Vance McDonald (89) catches an 11-yard pass for a touchdown over Jaguars outside linebacker Telvin Smith during the second half Sunday in Jacksonville, Fla. Pittsburgh won, 20-16.

Colts QB Luck remains perfect against Titans

INDIANAPOLIS — Andrew Luck threw three touchdown passes and Marlon Mack and Jordan Wilkins both ran for scores to help the Indianapolis Colts rout Tennessee 38-10 on Sunday.

Indy (5-5) has won four straight for the first time since November 2014. Luck remained unbeaten in 10 starts against the Titans.

Tennessee (5-5) lost quarterback Marcus Mariota in the final minute of the first half after he reinjured his right elbow.

Colts 38, Titans 10

Tennessee	0	3	0	7	10
Indianapolis	7	17	7	14	38
First Quarter					
Ind—Mack 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 11:5.					
Second Quarter					
Ind—Finnerty 22, 10:59.					
Ind—Hilton 68 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 7:26.					
Ind—Wilkins 18 run (Vinatieri kick), 2:29.					
Ten—FG Succop 42, 9:00.					
Third Quarter					
Ind—Hilton 14 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 7:24.					
Fourth Quarter					
Ind—Mann 7 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 12:12.					
Ten—Sharpe 1 pass from Gabbert (Succop kick), 1:49.					
A-57.401.					

Ten	Ind
First downs	26
Total Net Yards	263
Rushing-Yards	25-87
Passing	118-258
Punt Returns	0-0
Kickoff Returns	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	21-29-2
Fumbles-Lost	6-4-3
Penalties-Yards	8-11-2
Time of Possession	28:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Tennessee: Henry 16-104, Mariota 4-17, Batson 1-1, Davis 1-minus 1. **Indianapolis:** Mack 16-61, Wilkins 4-30, Hines 2-14, Brissett 3-minus 3.
PASSING—Tennessee: Mariota 10-13-1, Gabbert 11-16-1-18, Indianapolis, Luck 23-29-0-297, Ebron 0-1-0-0, Brissett 1-2-0-minus 2.
RECEIVING—Tennessee: Smith 6-37, Fisker 4-44, Davis 2-30, Stocker 2-16, Pruitt 1-19, Davis 1-8, Batson 1-5, Indianapolis, Hilton 9-125, Doyle 4-43, Mann 4-34, Grant 1-15, Rogers 2-9, Hines 1-20, Pascal 1-11, Mack 1-8.

Barkley scores 3 TDs to lift Giants over Bucs

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Saquon Barkley ran for a career-high 142 yards and scored three touchdowns as the New York Giants held off the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 38-35 on Sunday to win consecutive games for the first time since December 2016.

Eli Manning also threw two touchdown passes and linebacker Alec Ogletree returned one of the Giants' four interceptions 15 yards for another score in New York's biggest point output of the season.

Giants 38, Buccaneers 35

Tampa Bay	0	7	7	21	35
New York	7	10	14	10	38
First Quarter					
NYG—Barkley 6 pass from Manning (Rosas kick), 14:13.					
Second Quarter					
NYG—Barkley 3 run (Rosas kick), 13:37.					
TB—Fitzpatrick 1 run (Santos kick), 4:56.					
Third Quarter					
NYG—Ogletree 15 interception return (Rosas kick), 14:13.					
NYG—FG Rosas 52, 7:04.					
TB—McEvans 0 fumble recovery (Santos kick), 1:32.					
Fourth Quarter					
NYG—Barkley 38 pass from Manning (Rosas kick), 13:04.					
TB—Humphries 8 pass from Winston (Santos kick), 5:11.					
NYG—Barkley 2 run (Rosas kick), 3:52.					
TB—McEvans 41 pass from Winston (Santos kick), 2:22.					
A-75.863.					

TB	NYG
First downs	31
Total Net Yards	319
Rushing-Yards	30-151
Passing	1-1-0
Punt Returns	1-10
Kickoff Returns	7-137
Interceptions Ret.	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	25-37-4
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-17
Fumbles-Lost	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40
Time of Possession	27:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Tampa Bay: Barkley 18-106, Winston 5-16, Rodgers 3-15, Fitzpatrick 4-14, New York, Barkley 27-142, Beckham 11-11, Gallman 1-11, Manning 1-minus 1.
PASSING—Tampa Bay: Fitzpatrick 13-21-1, Gilman 2-12-1-199, New York, Manning 17-30-2-31.
RECEIVING—Tampa Bay: M.Evans 6-120, Howard 5-78, Jackson 4-38, Humphries 3-60, Godwin 3-50, Brate 2-16, Barber 2-4, NY, Beckham 4-74, Engram 2-46, Gallman 2-24, S.Sheard 2-22, Barkley 2-10, Penny 2-4, E. Elison 1-12, Fowler 1-10, Coleman 1-3.

Broncos end Chargers' six-game win streak

CARSON, Calif. — Brandon McManis kicked a 34-yard field goal as time expired on Sunday to give the Denver Broncos a 23-22 win and snap the Los Angeles Chargers' six-game winning streak.

Denver got the ball at its own 8 with 1:51 remaining, and Case Keenum orchestrated a seven-play, 76-yard drive. Keenum, who was 19 of 32 for 205 yards, completed five passes for 86 yards during the drive, including a 30-yard to Courtland Sutton for the Denver 16.

Broncos 23, Chargers 22

Denver	0	7	7	9	23
LAC	6	7	6	3	22
First Quarter					
LAC—FG Badgley 45, 7:00.					
Second Quarter					
Den—Lindsay 41 run (McManis kick), 12:06.					
LAC—Allen 4 pass from Rivers (Badgley kick), 2:39.					
Third Quarter					
LAC—Gates 6 pass from Rivers (kick failed), 9:56.					
Den—Freeman 3 run (McManis kick), 2:24.					
Fourth Quarter					
Den—Lindsay 2 run (run failed), 12:17.					
LAC—FG Badgley 30, 6:47.					
Den—FG McManis 34, 3:00.					
A-25.462.					

Den	LAC
First downs	16
Total Net Yards	325
Rushing-Yards	19-108
Passing	33-117
Punt Returns	0-0
Kickoff Returns	4-64
Interceptions Ret.	2-42
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-43
Time of Possession	27:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Denver: Lindsay 11-79, Freeman 11-59, Sanders 1-6, Los Angeles, Rodger 18-69, Ekeler 6-29, Allen 1-1, Rivers 1-minus 4.
PASSING—Denver: Keenum 19-32-0, 205, Wadman 1-0-0-12, Los Angeles, Rivers 29-43-2-401.
RECEIVING—Denver: Sanders 4-56, Lindsay 4-27, Heurman 4-20, Sutton 3-78, Jonathan 1-12, Lacosse 1-9, Freeman 1-7, Hamilton 1-4, Booker 1-4, Los Angeles, Allen 9-89, Gordon 6-87, Gates 5-80, M.Williams 2-56, Ekeler 2-40, Green 2-17, Ty.Williams 2-22.

Field goal gives Raiders second win of season

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The holering in the post-game locker room sounded as if Oakland had not just won a playoff game or something.

That's how good victory finally felt for the Raiders.

Daniel Carlson kicked a 35-yard field goal as the game ended to give Oakland a 23-21 victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday in a matchup of teams scraping the bottom of the NFL standings.

The Raiders (2-8), who had lost five straight, matched the record of the Cardinals.

"It's fun to win again," said Jon Gruden, whose return to coaching this season after a decade away has been difficult, to say the least. "With the injuries and the lack of practice, I really credit our guys for finishing the football game and finding a way to win."

Derek Carr threw two touchdowns and had completions of 32 and 20 yards on the final drive that led to Carlson's winning kick.

"I was just ready," Carlson said. "I stayed ready those last two drives because I didn't know when it was going to happen. I had a feeling it was going to happen eventually... It's awesome."

Carlson also had field goals of 49 and 21 yards in the second half after the teams were tied 14-14 at the break.

"We all believed. There was never doubt," Carr said. "There's been times when we believed and we didn't win. It was the same feeling you need to have, same mentality, same look in everybody's eye. It was a good win."

Arizona rookie Josh Rosen threw for three touchdowns, two to Larry Fitzgerald, but was intercepted twice. Both picks led to first-half touchdowns for Oakland. David Johnson rushed for a season-best 137 yards, including a 53-yarder that set up Rosen's 5-yard TD pass to Fitzgerald that gave the Cardinals a 21-10 lead with 5:02 to play.

Raiders 23, Cardinals 21

Oakland	14	0	9	0	23
Arizona	14	0	0	7	21
Oak—Cook 23 pass 57, Carr (Carlson kick), 12:36.					
Oak—Lindsay 18 pass from Rosen (McCrane kick), 6:14.					
Ari—Kirk 59 pass from Rosen (McCrane kick), 5:02.					
Second Quarter					
Oak—Lafell 5 pass 57, Carr (Carlson kick), 8:20.					
Third Quarter					
Oak—FG Carlson 49, 10:26.					
Oak—FG Carlson 21, 2:22.					
Fourth Quarter					
Ari—Fitzgerald 5 pass from Rosen (McCrane kick), 5:02.					
Oak—FG Carlson 35, 0:00.					
A-62.435.					

Oak	Ari
First downs	19
Total Net Yards	317
Rushing-Yards	33-152
Passing	17-128
Punt Returns	4-38
Kickoff Returns	2-53
Interceptions Ret.	2-33
Sacked-Yards Lost	19-31-0
Fumbles-Lost	8-45-1
Penalties-Yards	1-0
Time of Possession	36:01

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Oakland: Richard 11-61, Martin 10-52, Washington 12-39, Arizona, Peterson 25-137, Edmonson 5-17, Rosen 1-0.
PASSING—Oakland: Carr 19-31-0-192, Arizona, Rosen 9-20-0-136.
RECEIVING—Oakland: Ateman 4-50, Roberts 4-38, Richard 3-22, Cook 3-31, Lafell 2-19, L.Smith 2-4, Martin 1-4, Arizona, Allen 9-89, Gordon 6-87, Gates 5-80, M.Williams 2-56, Ekeler 2-40, Green 2-17, Ty.Williams 2-22.

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NFL WEEK 11

Redskins quarterback Alex Smith is injured on a sack by Houston's J.J. Watt, right, and Kareem Jackson, left, on Sunday.

MARK TENALY/AP

Déjà vu • Redskins' QB Smith suffers horrific injury on 33rd anniversary of Theismann's broken leg

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

ASLANDOVER, Md. s much as the NFL would rather if everyone discussed all of the yards and TDs produced in

game after game, and for whatever advancements have been made in player safety over time, pro football is, at its core, a brutal sport — and what happened to Alex Smith's right leg is not very different from what happened to Joe Theismann's

right leg, exactly 33 years apart.

Theismann knew it right away.

The former Washington Redskins QB — whose career ended after he was hurt on a sack by Lawrence Taylor on Nov. 18, 1985 — was at

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‘It was horrible. My heart went out to him.’

Joe Theismann
former Redskins
quarterback



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